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OPERATION ON KING.

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PLEURAL EFFUSION DRAINED WITH HAPPY RESULTS.

DIFFICULT STRUGGLE.

His Majesty the King, fighting magnificently against his illness, has rallied wonderfully, and there is reason to be more hopeful concerning the ultimate result.

A definite turn for the better is to be found in an announcement to-day that the infection is once again localised, and that a successful operation was performed last night for the drainage of pleural effusion on the right side of the chest, the development of which, while awaited anxiously, makes the direction of advance more defined.

The Queen, the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family, awaited the result with tense anxiety, and were the first to hear the glad news.

The fact that the King was able to undergo an operation, is commented upon as a wonderful tribute to the strength of his constitution.

At midnight, His Majesty's condition was satisfactory.

INFECTION AGAIN LOCALISED.

London, Dec. 12. A much more hopeful feeling prevailed at Buckingham Palace to-day, though anxiety continues. The King's condition since last night, and the wonderful rally mentioned in the earlier bulletins, shows the remarkable strength with which His Majesty is still fighting his illness on the twenty-second day of its exhausting course.

At 3.30 p.m. an extra bulletin was posted at the Palace, as follows:

"The slight improvement in the King's condition noticed this morning is maintained. Some purulent fluid round the base of the right lung was removed by puncture this morning and further drainage will be necessary."

(Signed) Stanley Hewett, L.E. Whithy, Farquhar Bazzard, Humphry Rolleston, Dawson of Penn.

Kept a Secret.

The afternoon bulletin came as a complete surprise, even to many of the Palace household. The secret of the minor operation for the removal of the fluid was well kept.

The five doctors were with the King for an hour before the bulletin was issued. Dr. Lionel Whithy, the bacteriologist, called shortly before the others.

Officials at the Palace were reluctant to comment, but the mention of the maintenance of the improvement is undoubtedly a good sign.

Sir Hugh Righy, Surgeon to the King's Household, and one of the most famous surgeons in the world, visited the Palace this evening, and unofficial medical experts, expressed the opinion that the summoning of Sir Hugh was connected with the cutting of two small portions of two adjacent ribs for the purpose of drainage.

Operation Performed.

This surmise proved correct, for a bulletin issued at 8.45 p.m. and signed by the five doctors above and Sir Hugh Righy, states:

"An operation on the King for the drainage of the right side of the chest was successful. The condition of His Majesty was satisfactory. Sir Hugh Righy was the surgeon."

Dr. Francis E. Shipway is the anaesthetist. He is the inventor of the Shipway anaesthetising apparatus.

The Prince of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of York were with Her Majesty the Queen while the operation was carried out.

The decision to operate followed the finding of pleural fluid, some of which was removed by puncture during the morning. The fluid was what the doctors were seeking when they conducted exploration by needle and by X-Ray examination on Friday. Then they were unable to find any marked effusion.

Later, the infection which had become localised in the right lung suddenly spread gen-

FRENCH GENERAL MURDERED.

TERRIBLE OUTRAGE IN ALGERIA.

HIGH OFFICERS OF FOREIGN LEGION AMBUSHED.

FANATIC TRIBESMEN.

Paris, Dec. 12.

A shocking outrage by rebel tribesmen in Algeria is announced by the War Office to-day, one of the highest officers in the Foreign Legion being ambushed in the desert and killed, together with a number of his staff.

The object of the attack was General Clavery, the officer commanding the vast Ain Sefra district, which is adjacent to the Moroccan border.

General Clavery, accompanied by Staff Captain Pasquet, Staff Captain Debenne, two N.C.O.s, and a party of troops of the Foreign Legion, were returning from a tour of inspection, when they were ambushed in the desert about forty miles south of the Colom Bechar Railway terminus near the border.

The hidden tribesmen opened with a fusillade, after which sixteen horsemen dashed headlong at the General's car, regardless of risks, and took the whole party by surprise. The General, his Staff Officers and one of the N.C.O.s were killed immediately.

Five of the Legionaries were shot dead in the subsequent fight, while three wounded have been taken to Colom Bechar.

General Clavery's promotion from Colom Bechar was only gazetted to-day.—Reuter.

Vengeance from the Air.

Paris, Dec. 13.

A squadron of French Air Force machines sent out in chase of the assassins, have tracked down General Clavery's assassins and machine-gunned them.—Reuter.

This is regarded as a good sign since it meant that the doctors could carry out active treatment. This they did in the morning with the happy result that they were able to arrange for the operation later on in the day.

The operation could not have been performed had the King been unable to maintain his strength despite the attack of the disease.

The lower temperature recorded this morning was the first sign that the infection was again localised. The operation was finished at 7.50 p.m.

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Queen Unveils Memorial.

The Queen's devotion to duty was shown to-day by her decision, despite her deep anxiety, to fulfil her engagement to unveil the War Memorial, which has been erected on Tower Hill by the Government of the Empire, to men of the Merchant Marine and Fishing Fleets, who lost their lives in the War and whose only grave is the sea.

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"RUN" ON PEKING BANKS.

DEPOSITORS RUSH TO GET THEIR MONEY.

CASH FROM TIENSIN.

Shanghai, Dec. 13. News has been received here to the effect that on Tuesday there was a big "run" on five of the leading Chinese banks in Peking.

Large crowds of depositors assembled at the Banks wishing to withdraw their money, in view of rumours that these institutions were in financial difficulties.

In order to meet the demands of the depositors, officials of the five Banks telephoned to their branch offices in Tientsin this morning asking them immediately to remit a sum of two million dollars to relieve the situation.

In the meantime, considerable excitement has been caused by the fact that one of the banks has already suspended payment, and also because the managers of some of the others have applied to the authorities for assistance.

It is reported that at the request of the Bank officials, General Shueing Chen, acting Garrison Commander at Peking, has ordered a special armoured train to be sent to Tientsin for the purpose of bringing the two million dollars to Peking.—*Na Ching Pao*.

GERMANY'S TRADE IN CHINA.

MARKED INCREASE IN POST-WAR SITUATION.

STEADY IMPROVEMENT

Berlin, Dec. 12. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Reichstag has sanctioned the Trade and Shipping Agreements between Germany and the Union of South Africa, as well as the Trade and Shipping Agreements between Germany and Panama, and the German-Chinese Trade Agreement.

Dealing with the Trade Agreement between Germany and China, the Government spokesman pointed out that all restrictions of Germany's position compared with other countries in the trade with China had been eliminated.

He said Germany's post-war trade with China had exceeded since 1925 all the pre-war trade figures.

The value of goods exchanged with China in 1927 surpassed 1913 by 48 per cent, and the first six months of 1928 had already reached the total figures of the 1913 trade to Germany, while both years had exceeded the trade to China by 100 per cent.—Reuter.

There were signs of this development this morning, accompanied by increased leucocytosis, and drainage will now be performed.

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CELTIC IN BAD POSITION.

HER CARGO NOW BEING DISCHARGED.

London, Dec. 12.

The cargo aboard the White Star Liner Celtic, which is aground at the entrance to Queenstown Harbour, is being discharged.

The liner is in a bad position, but the weather so far has been good.—Reuter.

H.M.S. NORFOLK LAUNCHED.

London, Dec. 12.

The new 10,000-ton cruiser, H.M.S. Norfolk, has been launched on the Clyde.—Reuter.

CHINESE BRIDE MURDER.

HOW MIAO'S APPEAL FAILED.

JUDGE ON "CUNNING AND CUPIDITY."

THE HIDDEN RINGS.

London, Nov. 21.

"He complained that he was misunderstood. His difficulty is not that his difficulty is that he was understood. The appeal is dismissed."

In these dramatic words Lord Hewart delivered judgement yesterday in the Court of Criminal Appeal, in the appeal by Chung Yi Miao against sentence of death passed on him at Carlisle Assizes for the murder of his wife, Wei Sheung Miao.

Miao was married in May, and it was alleged that he murdered his wife while on his honeymoon in the Lake District, to gain possession of her jewels, valued at £4,000.

Yesterday Mr. Maxwell Fyle, on behalf of the Crown, handed to the Bench two rings and a card and box containing a film spool in which one of the rings was found.

The Vital Question.

"The whole question for this Court," said Lord Hewart, "is whether there was evidence upon which the jury at the assizes might properly come to the conclusion that they did come to."

Referring to Miao's education, Lord Hewart said, "His long statement and argument to this Court has at any rate served to show that he was familiar with the English language, and to no small extent with the niceties of the English language."

Lord Hewart pointed out that the rings were placed in a film spool carefully covered with tin foil.

"How come those rings to be hidden in that box?" asked Lord Hewart.

Miao (interrupting): She went out to wash herself.

Flat Contradiction.

The condemned man was immediately silenced, and Lord Hewart then called attention to a "flat contradiction" in Miao's evidence.

He said he did not know whether his wife had any rings on before her death.

That was flatly contradicted by his own story, that he had seen her put the rings where they were found.

"The jury might well have thought that his culpability had got the better of his cunning," commented Lord Hewart.

Referring to the two mysterious Orientals seen near Keswick on the day of the crime, Lord Hewart said the Court allowed fresh evidence to be given to ascertain whether there was any ground for the suggestion that these Orientals were ever seen in the company of the dead woman. There was no such evidence.

"There is no ground at all for this appeal," concluded Lord Hewart, "and the indulgence which has been offered to this appellant has been accorded him because he is a native of a country other than this country, and he might be thought to be somewhat impeded in his appeal."

Miao received the judgment with the same stoic calm which he had shown throughout the proceedings.

Miao's Desire.

When the appeal opened on Monday, Miao appeared in the dock between two warders. His counsel, Mr. J. C. Jackson, K.C., said that Miao was an American law student, and was anxious to put his case before the Court himself.

"He has said," added Mr. Jackson, "that the Almighty has told him to take his own case. That being so, I cannot interfere unless afterwards the Court desires to do so."

After the members of the Court had consulted, Lord Hewart said that the position which had arisen

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POLICE FORCED TO OPEN FIRE.

SERIOUS MILL RIOTS IN NORTH BOMBAY.

TWO KILLED: 25 HURT.

Bombay, Dec. 12.

The serious disturbance in North Bombay was a sequel to a faction fight between two rival Labour camps in the course of which some of the Labour leaders came off very badly.

The police were hurried to the scene to break up the riot, and they were heavily stoned, being forced to use their revolvers in self-defence. The rioters consisted largely of mill strikers.

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STREET PROCESSION.

POLICE STOP FETE FOR GOD OF HOUSEBUILDERS.

Ten Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon in connexion with a procession which was held recently without due permission from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest prosecuted and Mr. F. H. Loseby represented the defendants. The defence pleaded guilty.

Outlining the facts which led to the appearance of the ten men before his Worship, Mr. Forrest stated that on November 14, one Chan Chi-sang applied to the S.C.A. for permission to hold a procession in connexion with the opening of the Lo Pan temple. The application being rather out of the ordinary, the matter was referred to Mr. North.

Mr. North informed Mr. Forrest not only to withhold the issuing of the permit, but also to advise the applicant not to hold the procession at all. The police were instructed to keep a lookout to see that the procession was in fact not held.

The police later reported that they had seen a procession and had taken the names of ten persons appearing to be members of the society who held the procession.

Mr. Lindsell: Then you draw no distinction between the liability of any of them?

Mr. Forrest replied that he understood from Mr. Loseby that one of the defendants would admit the prime liability and was prepared on behalf of all the defendants to give a full and ample apology. In that case, Mr. Forrest thought that a very small fine on the person who took the responsibility would meet the case.

Mr. Loseby said that as his Worship probably knew, the God of the Housebuilders was known as Lo Pan. His clients were members of the Carpenters and Contractors' Association.

Mr. Loseby continuing said that Choy Un, one of the defendants, claimed to be the social secretary of the Association and as such was prepared to accept responsibility. The temple had been closed down for many years and was being reopened in Kennedy Town and his clients had applied to the S.C.A. for leave to hold a procession with the intention of staging one with two thousand people taking part.

Then the permit was refused and some discussion took place amongst Mr. Loseby's clients as to what would and what would not be a contravention of the law on the subject, and it was finally decided that if a very few people did go from their headquarters, in Wanchai, to the temple that they would not be guilty of a breach of the law.

An Apology Tendered.

Mr. Loseby went on to say that as a matter of fact forty-five people took part in the procession, which, as his Worship knew, the police stopped. When he (Mr. Loseby) was consulted, he advised his clients that what they did amounted to holding a procession and that they must plead guilty.

In those circumstances, Mr. Loseby offered, on behalf of his clients, the fullest possible apology and an expression of regret.

Mr. Forrest in reply to his Worship stated that he accepted that plea.

Mr. Lindsell then imposed a fine of \$50 on Choy Un and \$5 each on the others.

On hearing this, Mr. Loseby said he was afraid that his Worship might have the view that the defendants committed the act deliberately. Mr. Loseby thought he had satisfied the S.C.A. that any breach was purely unintentional.

Mr. Lindsell observed that the defendants had been refused permission.

Mr. Loseby then said that obviously he had not made the

SURVEYOR'S CLAIM.

MR. HUNTER SUCCEEDS IN ACTION FOR FEES.

Mr. Justice Jacks yesterday afternoon delivered judgment for the plaintiff in the case in which Mr. R. H. Hunter, Prince's Building, surveyor to the Bureau Veritas, an International Register for the classification of shipping, sued the Kwong Sang Lung Shipbuilding Company, Mongkok, for \$187.40. Mr. Hunter claimed the money as being due for work done and money expended at the request of the Kwong Sang Lung Firm. He claimed that \$150 was for inspection of plans and specifications for the construction of a proposed steel steamer, and \$37.40 being the cost of a telegram in that connection.

Mr. T. J. Bonnett was for the plaintiff and Mr. F. X. D'Almeida defended.

Giving judgment, his Lordship said: This is an action to recover a sum due for services rendered by the plaintiff to a firm of ship-builders. The facts are as follow:

The defendants contracted with a firm in Manila for the construction of a steamship which was to comply with the regulations of the Bureau Veritas, of which the plaintiff was the local representative. The defendants submitted plans and specifications to the plaintiff and signed a request to the plaintiff to survey the ship whilst under construction.

The plaintiff forwarded the plans and specifications to Paris and obtained telegraphic reply at the request of the defendants. He now seeks to recover the usual fees for his services and his disbursements.

The defence is, firstly, that the plaintiff is the agent of the firm who gave the order for building the ship and secondly, that he is not entitled to recover in person as he is only the agent of the Bureau Veritas.

Builder's Duty.

When a ship is to be built in accordance with certain requirements, it is the duty of the shipbuilder to comply with those requirements and take the necessary steps to that end. He would naturally include the cost of doing in his contract price. I see no reason to believe that this practice has been departed from in this case.

I do not believe that any interview, whether the plaintiff may have had with the agent of the firm who gave the defendants the orders for the ship, affected the relationship between the plaintiff and the defendants in any way.

With regard to the second point, that the Bureau Veritas and not the plaintiff should have been the plaintiff in this action. It is true that the plaintiff is the accredited representative of the Bureau Veritas here, but there is no evidence that he is a salaried official of the Bureau and that the Bureau is entitled to everything he earns for his personal services here. The plaintiff stated that he merely pays to the Bureau a commission on what he earns. This was not disputed. I see no reason why he should not.

I give judgment for the plaintiff on the claim and costs.

matter clear to his Worship. The defendants had applied for leave to hold a procession of two thousand people and they were under the impression that a procession of forty-five people was no breach of the law and in fact were very much surprised when the police stopped them because they thought all the time that they were not guilty of any breach of the law.

Mr. Forrest said that he would, personally, be satisfied with a smaller fine. It was a small procession of about forty or fifty people.

His Worship accordingly reduced the fine on Choy Un to \$20.

NEW PAVILION.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL BUILDING OPENED.

With the building gaily decorated with flags and the two pillars of the main entrance secured with blue and white ribbons, the newly erected pavilion of the Diocesan Girls' School presented a very pretty and impressive appearance yesterday on the occasion of the formal opening by Mrs. W. T. Southorn, the wife of the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, Officer Administering the Government.

The chief attraction of the day was the bazaar, which was held in the school building and which was generously patronised by the large attendance of friends present.

Shortly after three o'clock, Mrs. Southorn arrived and was met at the entrance to the playground by His Lordship, the Bishop of Victoria (The Rt. Rev. C. R. Dupuy) and Miss Sawyer (Headmistress of the School). The route leading to the pavilion, was lined by the Girl Guides Company attached to the School.

On arrival at the entrance to the pavilion, Mrs. Southorn severed the ribbons with a pair of scissors and walked inside. A short programme of music and dances was then presented by pupils of the school after which the assembly adjourned to the school building for the formal opening of the Bazaar.

His Lordship, the Bishop, briefly introduced Mrs. Southorn and extended, on behalf of the School, a warm welcome to her for her presence. Mrs. Southorn, continued the Bishop, had come for the double purpose of opening the pavilion as well as the bazaar. His Lordship expressed great pleasure at her attendance and remarked that her time was greatly occupied with many other public services.

Girls Very Fortunate.

Mrs. Southorn expressed appreciation at what the Bishop had said. The opening of the playground, she continued, gave her very special pleasure. It stood for so much that was good. To begin with the money had been raised through the efforts of the school combined with the assistance of the Government.

"The school has worked hard to achieve this result," proceeded Mrs. Southorn, "and the Government has assisted substantially. Apart from the means by which it has been raised, I can see in the future all the benefit that hundreds of girls will derive here from healthy exercise and encouragement of the team spirit. Girls of the twentieth century are very fortunate. In former generations the enjoyment of fresh air and games appeared to be limited chiefly to boys. Croquet and later a mild game of tennis were all that could be allotted to girls.

But nowadays the whole world of games is open to them. I may be addressing the Betty Nuthalls, Cecil Leitchs and Mercedes Gleitze of the future.

Girls of the Diocesan School—rejoice in the freedom, the glorious freedom you now enjoy. Make the most of this playground. Let it at all times be filled with the spirit of good fellowship and good sportsmanship.

And at the same time I hope the bazaar you have organised will be a great success. I am filled with admiration of the vitality, the many-sidedness of the Diocesan School. I gather that the objects of the bazaar are the feeding of hungry children at Christmas, the assistance of the Victoria Home and the equipment of your playground. They are all deserving objects. I trust they will be liberally supported by purchasers, and that the harvest from your bazaar will be a very rich one."

Mrs. Southorn then declared the bazaar open.

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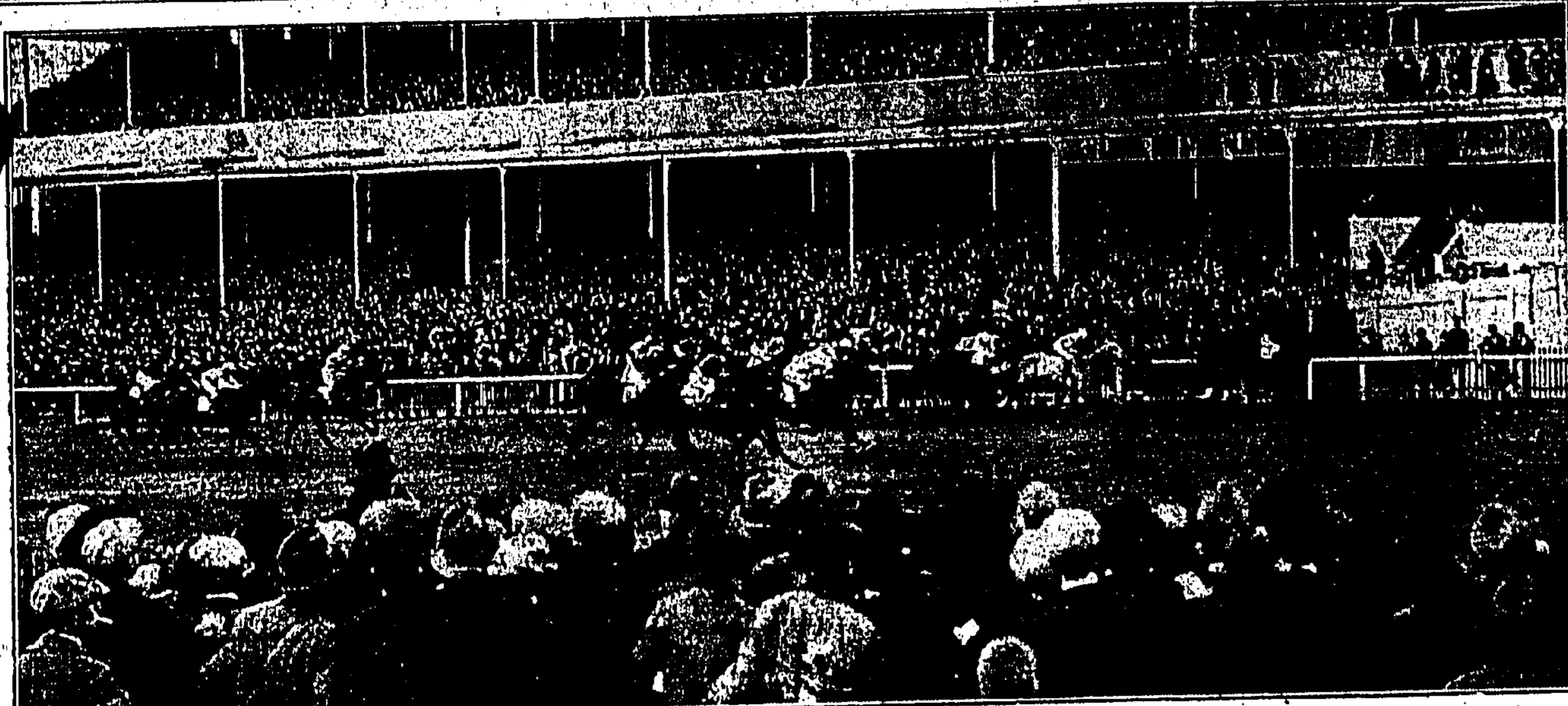
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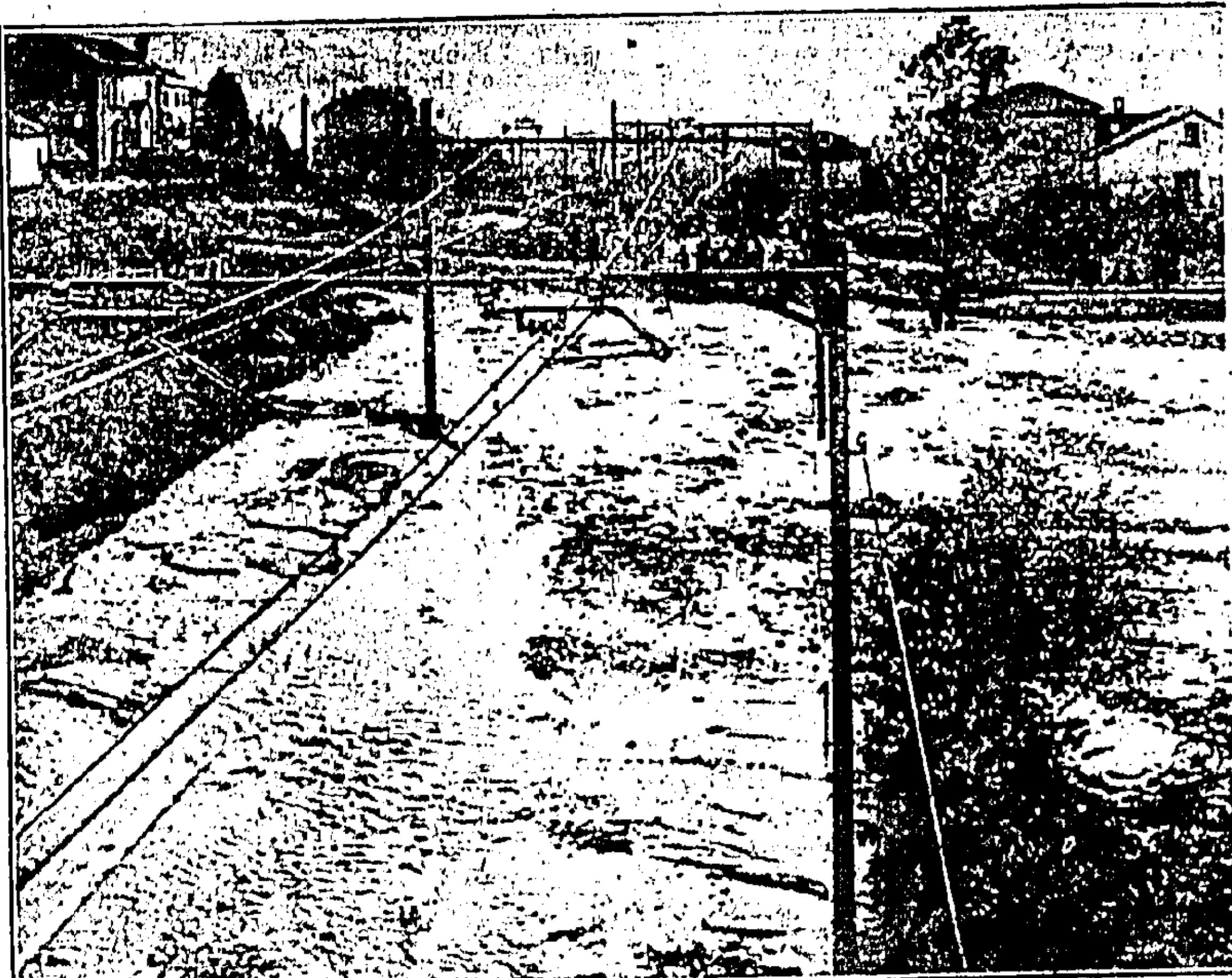
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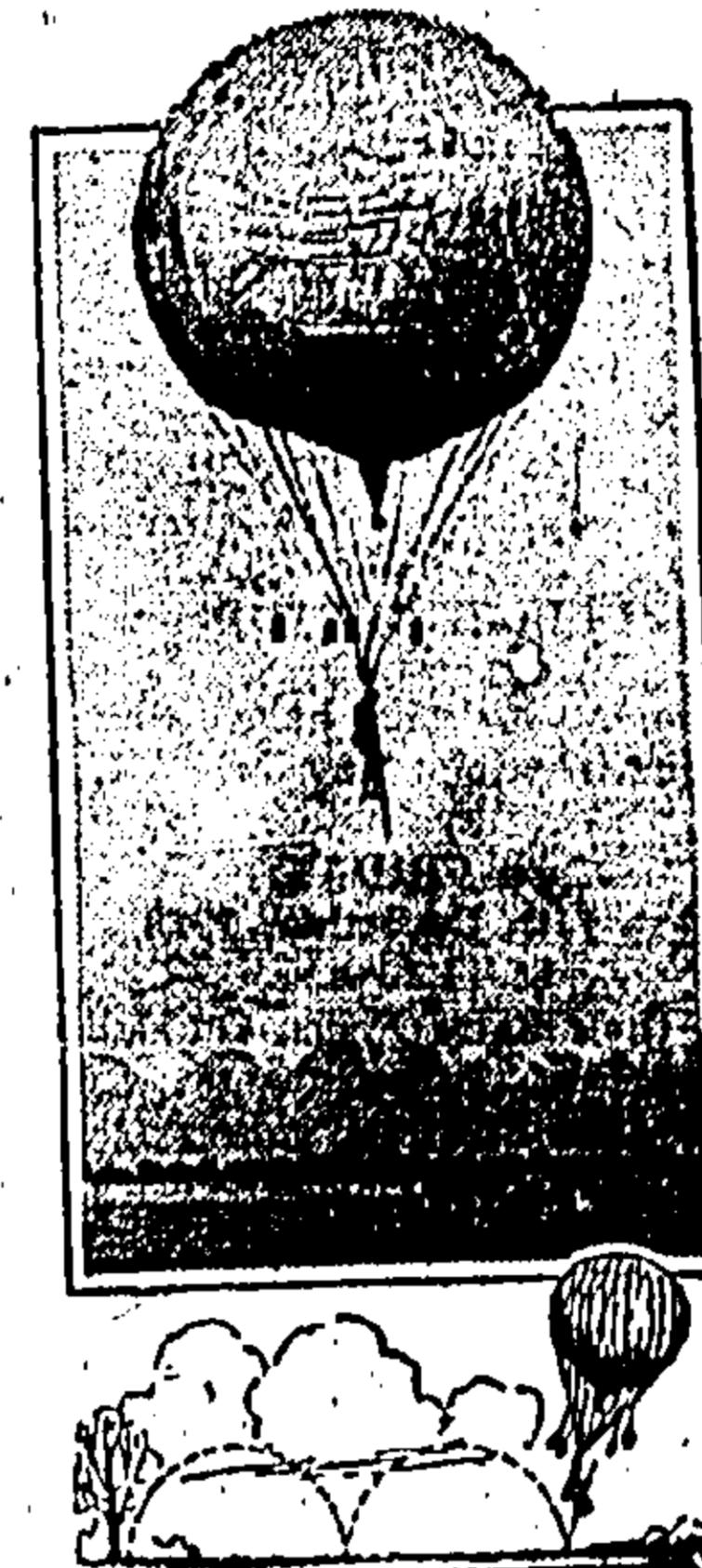
A photograph of the finish of the Cambridgeshire handicap at Newmarket, which was won by the French horse, Palais Royal II (Allemand up), owned by M. Wittouck. Another French horse, Mr. A. Macomber's Insight II was third, and the middle place was filled by Sir Charles Hyde's Baytown, the grey horse which can be seen in the picture just behind the winner. (Times copyright).



The wife and son of Lieutenant Commander H. C. MacDonald, a former Hongkong boy, who died while attempting to fly the Atlantic in a Moth airplane. Mr. MacDonald has since stated that she has received spirit messages from her late husband.



Our picture shows the St. Gotthard railway line flooded by the Arbedo torrent flowing from the lake caused by the Moth Arbedo landslip. The line has been closed to traffic twice since the floods, and it is intended to build a temporary line above the level of the present. (Times copyright).



The latest sport being cultivated in Great Britain is that of balloon-jumping. One of the keenest exponents is Mr. C. G. Vickers, V. C., who carries a long pole and vaults along the balloon carrying him high into the air between jumps as illustrated in the drawing.



Above is the monoplane "Spirit of Canton," in which Commander Cheung Hui-jeung and two other Chinese airmen flew from Tientsin to Shanghai. The photograph was taken after the plane landed at the Hungtiao Aerodrome. Below is seen Commander Cheung (in uniform) with his wife and several officials of the welcoming committee.

Our picture shows the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, receiving from the Mayor of Aberystwyth Wales, the casket containing the freedom of the borough. (Times copyright).



The prize-winning quartette at the Shanghai Musical Festival Competition organized by the B. W. A. Musical Section. 1st violin, Mrs. Ursquart; 2nd violin, Mr. D. Levy; viola, Mrs. M. P. Walker; cello, Miss J. Ellsler.



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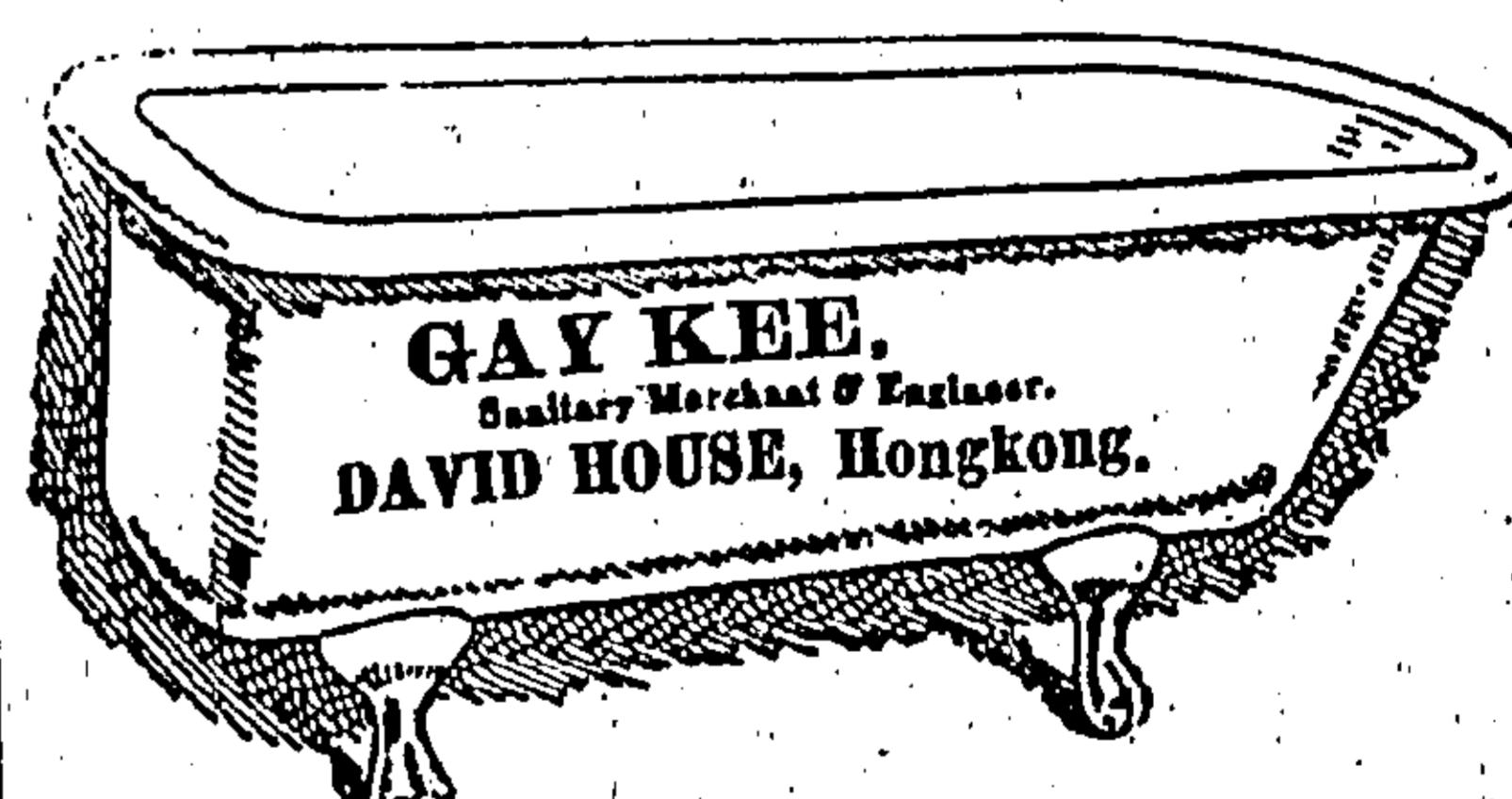


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G. F. CHARLES, Major, For Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE SPORTS CLUB.

The above club will be opened on Saturday, the 15th December, at noon and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern C.M.G. has kindly consented to officiate at the opening ceremony.

H. C. LEE,
Hon. Secretary.

PUBLIC BAND CONCERT.

A Public Band Concert will be given in the BOTANIC GARDENS, on SUNDAY, December 16th, from 4 to 5.30 p.m. By the Band of the KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS. (By kind permission of Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. and Officers.)

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A Large Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods comprising:—

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture (some by Wm. Powell Ltd.) Catalogues will be issued.

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A Fine Assortment of Silk Goods comprising:—

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Black Frocks.

HOW TO MAKE THEM BECOMING.

It is said that black is going to be very much worn this winter. It probably will be—as it generally is—because there is something about a very good black frock which nothing else can exactly reproduce.

There are, however, quite a number of people who should take considerable care about the kind of black they wear, and the way in which they wear it. I know that there is a theory held by many women (and most men) to the effect that all women look their very best in black; but with this, as with most sweeping theories, it is necessary to make a few reservations.

The women who can always wear black with impunity have exceptionally good skins.

Colour of Hair.

The colour of the hair does not matter very much, as although the contrasts between corn-coloured, or silver, or copper hair and black are naturally good, the alliance between black and dark brown or black hair which is neat and well burnished, is also definitely pleasing.

The principal reasons for summing black for the time being, or for taking drastic steps towards providing a better background for its charms, are not difficult to remember.

Sallowness is the first of these. Black does the most brutal things to a sallow skin, and often makes the owner look sour as well. It is also demoniacally clever at emphasising the effects of worry or fatigue.

A "pepper-and-salt" effect about the head is another reason for treating black in a wary manner; and those with indeterminate features or pale eyes are also wise regarding it with suspicion.

Black Can be Successful.

In nearly all cases, however, it is still possible to wear black successfully, if one wants to, by taking certain precautions.

The sallow complexion will appear quite fresh above a rich black suit if a wisely chosen scarf intervenes between the collar of the suit and the complexion of its wearer. The owner of pale eyes will choose a scarf which intensifies their colour; indeterminate features can acquire significance from the extra interest in life that a clever hat "enforces"; and the "pepper-and-salt" lady will first insist that her hair shall shine as it never shone before, and then arrange that her black evening gown has certain touches of steel or silver to relieve its sombreness.

By JACQUELINE HOWARD.



The princess line is suggested in a lovely dress of white georgette, lightly embroidered in crystal beads. Its unaffected simplicity and the delicacy of the bead traceries, make it a most desirable toilette.

Evening Wraps.

SHOW MANY NEW FEATURES.

The evening wraps of the moment are sumptuous to a degree. The fur collar has returned to its former place in la Mode's affections, and seems to have grown out of all knowledge during its retirement.

Gauging has proved even more popular as a trimming on such garments than was expected by the Paris house that first exploited it. It is particularly effective on the new velvet—velours mousse-line—that is woven on a chiffon foundation. Very close gauging can be used on this fabric without producing that bulkiness that is one of the chief disadvantages of this form of decoration.

For the Very Thin Woman.

One wrap shown in a London salon recently was of a tawny, amber-coloured velvet trimmed with natural red fox.

The top part was gauged to make a perfectly tight-fitting corsage to the natural waistline. A band of gauging farther down gave the very newest outline. The too-thin woman (if such a creature exists) would find this a wonderfully flattering garment.

Waistcoat Wraps. The Georgian waistcoat—attached at the side seams—was an outstanding feature of a brocaded lame coat. Shades of jade predominated in the brocade, and jade buttons finished the plain gold lame waistcoat.

The coat had a habit-fitted back, sharply gored below the waistline, so that it fell in fluted folds.

Another model displayed one of

Today's Recipe.

WALNUTTY CUTLETS.

The following is laid out for four beautifully trimmed and tenderly grilled cutlets. They are to be served with this sauce: Mince very finely two or three pickled walnuts and mix them with a tablespoonful of "foie gras" in a bowl or basin, adding half a tablespoonful of the vinegar from the pickles. Place the bowl in a pan of boiling water and stir the mixture thoroughly with a wooden spoon. No metal must be permitted to approach. When very hot, add a dessertspoonful of suet. Put the cutlets in a hot dish (non-metallic), pour over them the sauce, and serve very hot. It is nice to use the yes only of the cutlets, and ourndos are capital this way.

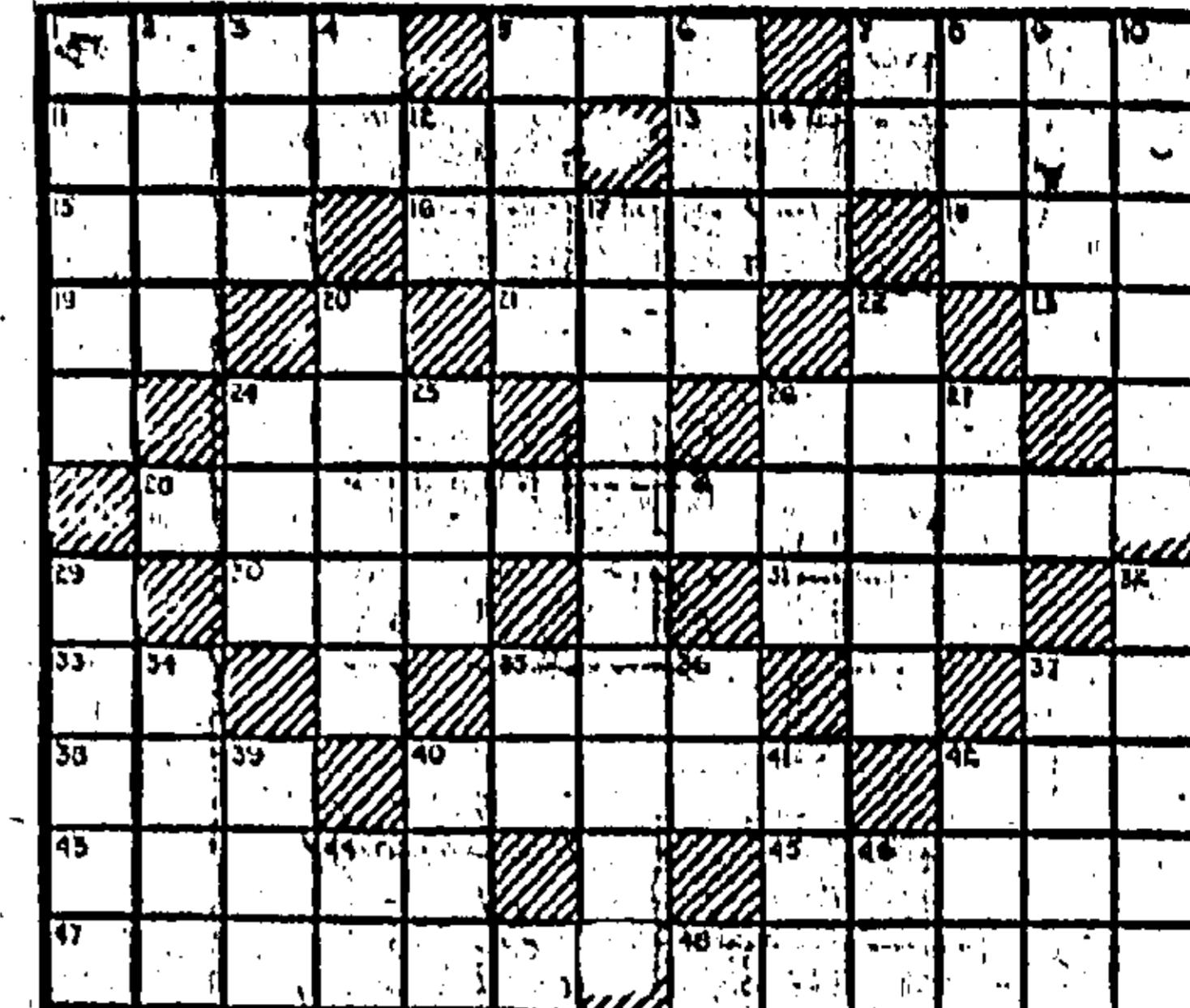
hose de luxe fur coats which so many women prefer above everything else for evening wear. The lower part was of seal musquash, which was cut into an open-work design and inserted into the crimped top. White fox was used for the collar and cuffs.

The same design could be carried out quite successfully and much more economically in black and white velvet, or in black velvet with gold or silver lame.

Importance of Sleeves.

Many simple, straight wraps are seen this season with the entire interest concentrated on the sleeves. Much character can be introduced into a perfectly plain garment in this way.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- To perceive by the ear.
- In what human organ is the "stapes"?
- Tense.
- A commission.
- Passage for a current of air.
- To question.
- The part of an oil lamp which draws up a steady supply of oil (pl.).
- Sharp cold.
- Second note in scale.
- Starting place at each golf hole.
- Point of compass.
- Constellation.
- Penthino pronoun.
- Negligence.
- Pattern block.
- Printer's measure.
- Native metal.
- Abbreviation for "senior."
- Inlet.
- Dried plum.
- Wing part of a seed.
- Portion of a stanza.
- Demons.
- Comes in.
- What are the series of small bones which form a protection for the spinal cord called?

Yesterday's Solution.

CARMEN	HAMPER
ART	ROMALAGO
ME	GERIZENCO
EE	SEEUPM
LOANS	INSCARBS
WRITER	FAISLE
MES	SYPETER
AHO	SPASUSO
CO	NATIVEPS
ADA	CATERZIE
WALKER	RABIES

- In what organ is the mitral valve?
- Irish.
- What was the name of Noah's vessel?
- Measure of area.
- To prepare for publication.
- Garden tool.
- Abbreviation for "railroad."
- Spikelet on barley.

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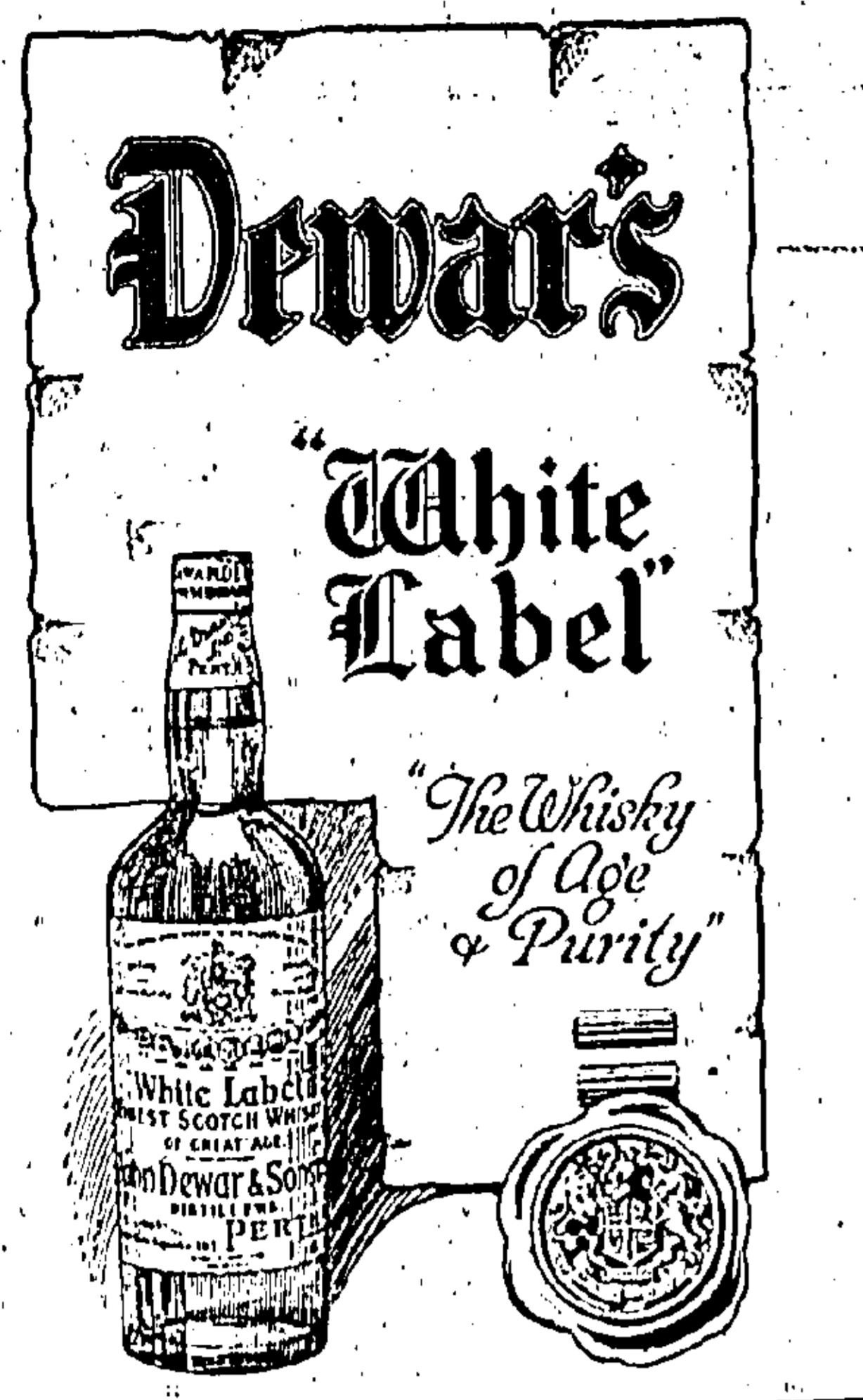


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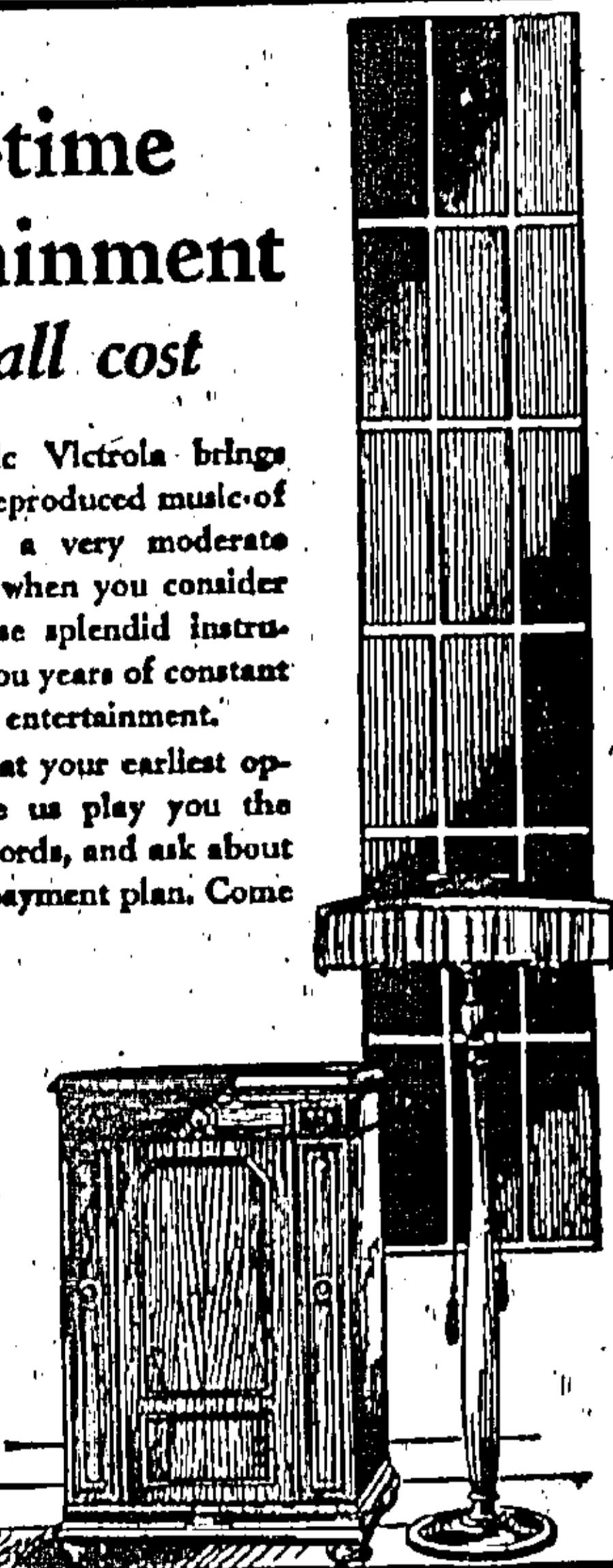
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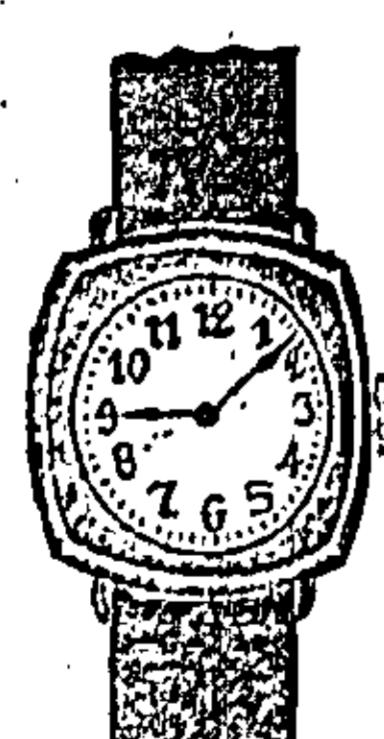
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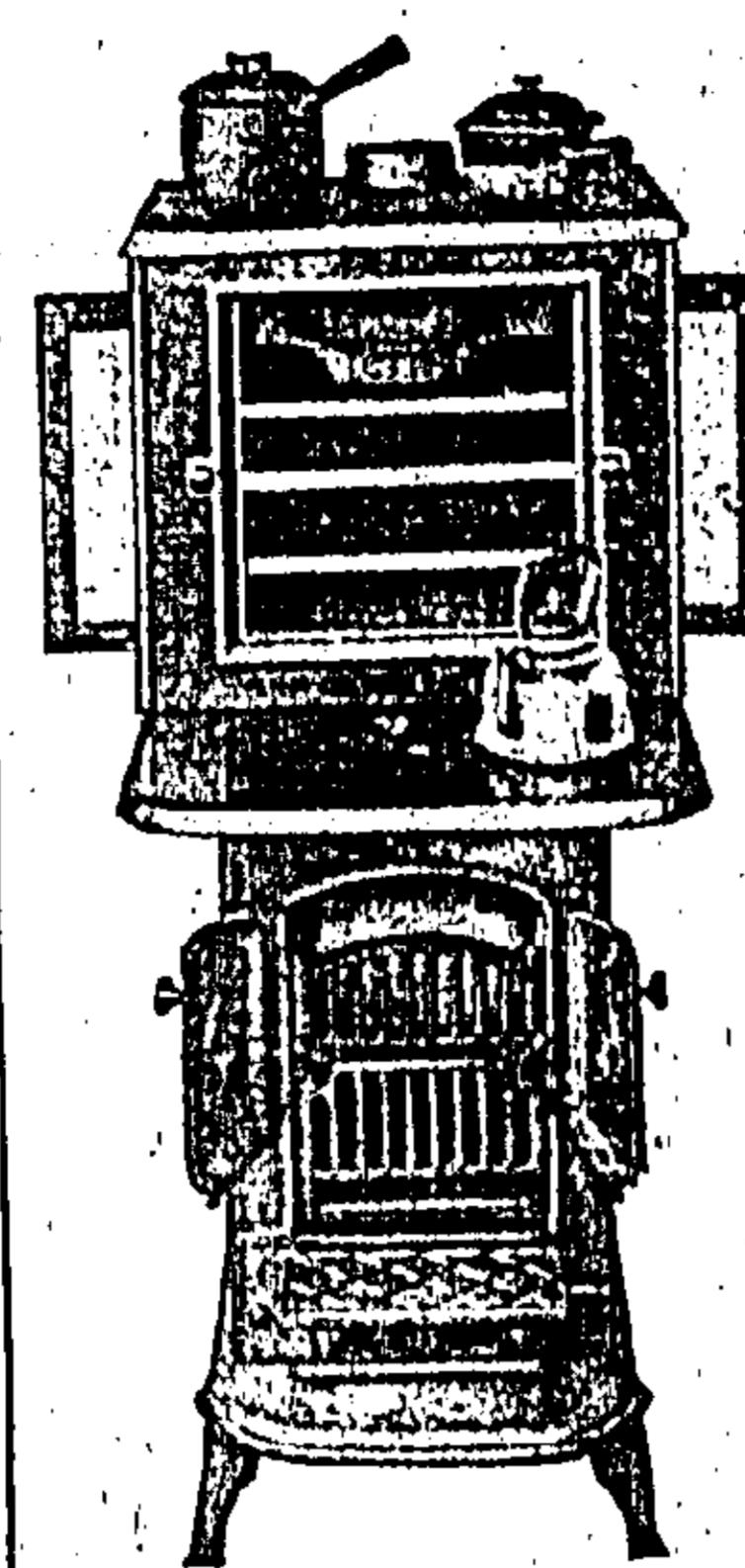


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THURSDAY, DEC. 13, 1928

PAST AND FUTURE.

In his speech on the occasion of the opening of the Peninsula Hotel, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government chose an appropriate theme when he spoke of the broad vision of the "giants of the past" and proceeded to cite the Colony's latest architectural acquisition as visible evidence of the fact that the same spirit is still alive in our midst. It only needs a moment's thought to realise that such a magnificent and stately building as the Peninsula Hotel could never come into being but for the faith in the future progress of the Colony of those who conceived it. The formal opening of the Hotel marks the culmination of many years of earnest thought and labour, and its completion should serve as a tonic in these days when trade is admittedly not what it might be, giving point to the faith of those who are convinced, as His Excellency so well put it, that the greatness of the Colony is in the future and not the past.

In remarking that visitors to the Colony are always impressed with the solidity and boldness of our buildings, Mr. Southorn was stating a fact which most of us are apt to overlook. Living our lives in the more or less restricted confines of the Colony, we come to take so much for granted that we fail to realise the obvious. Newcomers and visitors, by their comments, help to bring us round occasionally to a recognition of the truth. The other day, for example, we heard a new arrival from Home remark that nowhere on the trip out East had he seen such fine and impressive buildings as Hongkong possesses. In recent years, there have been many notable additions to these structures, but it can with truth be said that the Peninsula Hotel outstrips all others, and it will serve to add further to the modern services which this Colony can offer to residents and transients alike. His Excellency made a good point when, in speaking of the past, he referred to the City Hall building. In these days, we are apt to regard this block as being out-of-date and ill-equipped, but it is well that tribute should be paid to the courage and confidence of the men of the past when, back in the early sixties, they conceived a building which at that time was far more imposing than the municipal buildings of many of the big cities of the Old Country. Even to-day, it is a

really fine structure, needing not very extensive internal alterations to make it all we could wish it to be.

It was appropriate also that Mr. Southorn should, in his speech, dilate on the steady growth of Kowloon and paint a bright and glowing picture of its future. With its docks, wharves, projected aerodrome, and its ever-increasing public service facilities, added to which we now have this truly wonderful hotel, there can be nothing but optimism regarding Kowloon's eventual destiny. Its ample water supply and its big, broad roads were commented upon by His Excellency, who also added a remark concerning its spacious playing fields. Much has admittedly been done in this latter connexion during recent years, but much more needs doing in the future if the growing community across the harbour is to be served as it should be. We have hopes, however, that the courageous spirit of which Mr. Southorn so well spoke will continue to manifest itself, and that the Colony will go on from strength to strength, remaining a striking example of British enterprise and perseverance.

House of Lords Reform.

Lord Clarendon's speech on the reform of the constitution of the House of Lords, while going over old ground to some extent, contains points of great interest. The subject is one which has been brought up, debated and dropped, intermittently for the last seventeen years, many private members having evolved their own pet scheme for the solution of the difficulties, none succeeding in achieving a general agreement.

Even Lord Birkenhead's brilliant intellect and persuasive tongue failed to convince the Upper Chamber, though he is certain to be complimented in the future by the acceptance of the main principles laid down by him a year or two ago. Small wonder, then, that Lord Clarendon, in getting to work on this thorny problem, used Earl Birkenhead's main line as the basis of the proposals submitted to the Lords on Tuesday. It is agreed that in present circumstances, the House of Lords is not an efficient Parliamentary body; that its numbers must be reduced to approximately 300; and that there should be some provision guaranteeing that the reconstituted body should be a kind of corps d'elite. The insuperable difficulty has been to satisfy the present Lords of Parliament and the political parties at the same time. Lord Clarendon suggested that 150 members of the reconstituted House should be elected by proportional representation by the whole body of Peers, and that 150 other persons should be nominated by the Crown in proportion to the parties in the House of Commons. A limited number of life Peers might also be appointed by the Crown. These, of course, would not have hereditary rank, and is to be commended as it would have the effect of bringing the service of the State, men either too old or too busy to sit in the Commons, and who have no desire to hand on peerage to their sons. Some men have little wish to saddle their children with what might eventually become a very real burden, thus many a man would be glad to sit in the Lords were he given an assurance that the title would end with his death.

The nomination of Peers would also have the important and essential effect of giving the Labour Party a more reasonable contingent in the Upper Chamber. The proposals met with little encouragement from Lord Buckmaster for the Liberals, and Lord Parmaor, for the Socialists, the latter drawing attention to the obvious anomaly that the Conservatives would not only overwhelmingly predominate among the 150 Peers elected by the House, but also among the remaining 150 by virtue of the present strength of the Conservatives in the Commons. Another somewhat revolutionary proposal was to the effect that Peers not elected to the Upper House should be eligible for the Commons. We cannot imagine much opposition to this. The matter was allowed to rest with a statement from the Lord Chancellor that there "could be no chance of giving legislative effect to the proposals during the life of the present Parliament. If the Labour Party gains an ascendency in the new House, the motion may be more acceptable."

His Worship dismissed the second charge, remarking that by the sergeant's own evidence the men were not importing the spirit.

On the first charge, first defendant was convicted and fined \$300. The other two defendants were caulked, his Worship remarking that they were merely fools. The first defendant, he said, was definitely in charge of the boat and as such the wine was in his possession.

DAY BY DAY.

I HAVE SPED BY LAND AND SEA,
MINGLED WITH MUCH PEOPLE, BUT
NEVER YET COULD FIND A SPOT UN-
SUNNED BY HUMAN KINDNESS.—
Tupper.

Messrs. Mustard and Co. send a useful wall calendar advertising Remington typewriters.

A Chinese woman was killed on the Kennedy Town Praya last night through being knocked down by a tram-car.

The St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association are holding a concert in the College Hall at 5.45 p.m. to-morrow.

A lighterman, working on Lighter No. 77, was accidentally drowned while the craft was alongside the Tyndareus yesterday.

H.M.S. Suffolk sailed from Wosung on Wednesday for Nanking. The two destroyers Sonnie and Seraph left Hongkong on the same day for Shanghai.

A Notice to Mariners yesterday stated that the prohibition of entry of vessels to Amoy between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. has been temporarily withdrawn.

The Hamburg-Amerika Line calendar for 1929 shows the routes on which the Company's freight and passenger boats ply in various parts of the world.

Twenty-four further cases of small-pox were reported yesterday, bringing the total for the first three days of the week to 40. All were Chinese, and 21 were from Kowloon. There were also notified one case each of diphtheria, typhoid and paratyphoid fever.

The Chinese who was remanded from yesterday on a charge of larceny of a bicycle, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy. The defendant was stated to have only just been discharged from prison.

A special added attraction will be provided at the 9.20 p.m. performances in the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. A number of specialty dances including "The Argentine Tango" and "The Dance of Death" will be presented by "Nina and Jack," two popular artists who have recently returned to the east from extensive engagements in Europe.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 22 arrivals and 17 departures, with British holding top place. Tonnage was lower with fair freights the British total being approximately 21,000 under both headings, with the highest inward and the second best of the throughs, two vessels entering in ballast. At 9 a.m. there remained 76 vessels in port, British 34.

A vessel new to the port is the R.R. Newton Pine from Cardiff and Calcutta. She registered in this morning's Harbour Office reports, with 3,836 tons of coal for local discharge and 4,065 for ports beyond, from Cardiff. Captain D. Mc Nicholl is the master with a crew of 33 Europeans, the vessel being owned by J. Risley Son and Tully, Messrs. Bradley and Co. being the local agents.

SHRIMPS ON A LOCAL JUNK.

MAN IN CHARGE AND CARGO OF LIQUOR.

Three boatmen appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of having in their possession 230 gallons of dutiable liquor, and of importing the liquor.

Defendants said that they were only foals and were not responsible.

Sergeant Hill said he stopped defendants' junk in Kowloon Bay. First defendant was in charge of the steering, while the other two were manning the oars. When questioned, first defendant said that the master had gone ashore. He said that the cargo in the hold was shrimps. Witness uncovered the hatches and found a number of jars containing wine. The boat was going in the direction of Lymen.

His Worship dismissed the second charge, remarking that by the sergeant's own evidence the men were not importing the spirit.

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BRANCH POLITICAL COUNCILS.

OPPOSITION TO NANKING'S DECISION.

A PEKING PROTEST.

Nanking, Dec. 12. Political feeling is again intensified in connexion with the National Government's decision to enforce the abolition of the Branch Political Councils.

With the arrival here this morning of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, it is fairly certain that the question of the Branch Political Councils will come up for discussion.

Marshal Yen is Chairman of the Shensi Branch Political Council and also a member of the Peking Political council, and perhaps it is more than a coincidence that yesterday the Nanking Government received a telegram from Mr. Chang Chi, Chairman of the Peking Political Council, urging that the Central Government should cancel its former flat ordering the dissolution of the Councils.

While agreeing with the Government that during the present reconstruction period it is most important that politics in the country should be centralised, Mr. Chang Chi states that the Branch Councils

The Very Idea!

Presenting the report of the Diocesan Clergy Stipends Fund at the Chester Diocesan Conference, Mr. J. S. Hoare said the most important item in the finances of the Church to-day was the payment of the clergy. As laymen, they had the great privilege of grousing at a parson, but persons had more reason to grouse at laymen. "I am not sure if a strike of clergy, headed by the bishops," he added, "would not be a very good thing. They should insist on being decently paid, and until they were, refuse to carry on any service or conduct weddings, baptisms, or funerals."

"So you are going to emigrate to Australia? What do you mean to do there?"

"Take up land."

"Much?"

"A shovelful at a time, to start with, I expect."

Wife at Willesden: At the moment I am out of work, so under the circumstances I think my husband ought to keep me.

Woman at North London: I have got no father. I am a war widow.

Woman at Clerkenwell County Court: Other tenants don't cause me annoyance. I have an able-bodied husband.

"I have never been summoned before for doing less than 50 miles an hour."—A motorcyclist at Kingston-on-Thames.

"It seems ridiculous to have to fine a fellow for letting off a firework," said Mr. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate. He ordered the offender to pay 2s. costs.

She (gushingly)—"And have you really travelled in the great African jungles?"

The famous one—"Yes, and I'm publishing my eleventh book next week."

She—"Isn't that wonderful, now? You're just the man I've been looking for, for months and months. Please do tell me a good name for my pony."

[A writer has declared that a controversial barber can be the bane of one's existence.]

Gravely he spoke when complaining of trade;

And I loyalty tried to look grave myself.

He bravely avowed his political shade."

And, surely enough, I was brave, myself.

He bravely of winners and absolute certs,

Demanding what fancy I gave, myself,

Then raved of the flapper-vote, lip-stick and skirts

Till I caught the infection and raved, myself.

When his eyes flashed as keen as his glittering blade I spluttered and struggled to save myself,

And, heedless of bloodshed, an exit I made—

Determined in future to shave myself.

The coalman arrived at Mrs. Brown's house to deliver his weekly order of two bags.

After they were dumped in the "coal bunker," Mrs. B. tendered the usual amount in payment.

Coalman—"That was last week's price, missus, but 'coals are coals' now you know."

Mrs. Brown—"Aye, an' it's high time tag. They were stanes a' summer!"

A man who was summoned to serve on a jury at the Southwark County Court recently said he was an atheist, and declined to take the oath.

The clerk asked him to repeat certain words expressing willingness sincerely to hear the evidence.

This the man declined to do. "I will not repeat any words," he declared.

The clerk consulted with Judge Moore, who ordered the man to remain in court during his honour's pleasure.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 12.
Paris	124.15
New York	4.86 5/32
Brussels	34.80
Geneva	25.19
Amsterdam	12.07%
Milan	92.65
Berlin	20.855
Stockholm	16.14
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	84.405
Prague	103.24
Helsingfors	102.24
Madrid	20.025
Lisbon	110.14
Athens	875
Bucharest	809.14
Blo	5.29/32
Buenos Aires	47.44
Bombay	1/61 5/32
Shanghai	2/7
Hongkong	2/04
Yokohama	1/10 21/32

LOCAL BANKNOTE FORGERIES.

TWELVE CHINESE IN THE DOCK.

DETECTIVE NEGOTIATES WITH THE ACCUSED.

RINGLEADER ESCAPES.

One of the biggest seizures made by the police in recent times in connexion with the uttering of forged banknotes was revealed at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted twelve Chinese on various charges arising out of an alleged conspiracy to utter forged Hongkong and Shanghai Bank \$50 notes (old issue).

Originally, thirteen defendants were charged before the Magistrate, but since then the police had withdrawn the case against one man.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, of Messrs. Russ, and Co., appeared for the first five of the twelve defendants. Mr. Leo D'Almada, e Castro represented the eighth man, and Mr. C. E. L. Grist represented the twelfth.

Mr. Fitzroy first outlined the charges against the accused and then told the story of how the arrests came to be made.

The Charges.

Against all the defendants, said Mr. Fitzroy, there was the general charge of conspiracy to commit a crime by uttering forged banknotes.

No. 1 defendant was charged with being in possession of a pistol as well as thirteen plates which were found in his cubicle, these containing figures and marks of currency notes of the Central Bank of China, and there was material from which forgery could be made.

He was also charged with possession of certain papers which could be used for the production of the notes of the Central Bank of China. The man was also charged with being in possession of a printing press which was found in a cubicle occupied by him, in No. 19, Queen's Road East.

The second defendant was the wife of the first, explained Mr. Fitzroy. The third, fourth and fifth defendants lived at No. 19 Queen's Road East.

Mr. Fitzroy then went on the say that there was another charge against the first man, to the effect that he was aiding and abetting Chan Wing, who seemed to be the prime mover in the attempt to distribute forged notes in Hongkong.

Good Forgeries.

At this point, Mr. Fitzroy said that the forgeries were exceedingly good and, to anyone unaccustomed to the handling of \$50 Hongkong Bank notes, it would be impossible to tell the difference. The enclosure in which the words "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation" were printed, appeared to be a little longer, and the colour in the centre of the notes was darker.

At this stage, Mr. D'Almada said that the police had a number of the notes alleged to be forged and he asked that these, together with a number of genuine \$50 notes, be placed before the Court.

Mr. Loseby, supporting the application, said new genuine notes should be used when comparisons were made. He understood that the paper was said to be a little longer in the alleged forged notes, and expressed the opinion that possibly the printing had something to do with that.

Mr. Lindsell directed that six new genuine \$50 notes should be brought to the Court as he thought that number would be sufficient.

Mr. Fitzroy added that in this connexion an expert witness from the Bank would be called.

The second defendant, the wife of the first, said Mr. Fitzroy, was charged with being in possession of plates and other articles found in the cubicle occupied by her. The third, fourth and fifth men were charged with unlawful possession of a printing press, but, in fairness to them, Mr. Fitzroy mentioned that No. 1 claimed the notes as his own.

Wife of Ringleader?

The sixth defendant, a woman described as the wife of Chan Wing, one of the prominent figures in the case, who was not before the Court, was charged with aiding and abetting in the uttering of the notes.

The sixth defendant, together with the seventh, actually told the police of the hiding place of one quantity of notes. The alleged counterfeits were hidden under a pile of lime in an area where a number of old houses had been pulled down. They were wrapped in some Chinese newspapers and just "shoved under" the timbers, quite open to the public gaze and yet unattractive enough to cause any curiosity. Nos. 6 and 7 were

IDENTIFYING A VEGETABLE.

DO THEY ANSWER TO THEIR NAMES?

AMUSING CASE TO-DAY.

The ownership of a basket of vegetables was disputed by two gardeners of Shamshui po at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when one man charged the other with larceny.

Defendant denied the charge and said the vegetables belonged to him.

Sergeant Jessop, who prosecuted, intimated to Mr. E. W. Hamilton that his first witness would be the complainant, who could only give evidence of identification of the vegetables. The man's wife was the person who witnessed the actual theft.

His Worship: How is he going to identify the vegetables? Do they answer to their name?

Sergeant Jessop said that the gardens of the defendant and complainant adjoined each other.

His Worship: He's going to be a bold man who identifies a lettuce as his personal property.

His Worship remarked that he would rather the complainant's wife gave evidence first.

The woman stated that she saw the defendant in her garden at 5 a.m. this morning stealing her vegetables.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship said that it was one person's word against the other and he could not convict. The defendant was discharged.

therefore charged with having possession of the notes.

No. 8 was charged with possession of one forged note.

No. 9, said Mr. Fitzroy, had since been discharged. The evidence against Nos. 10, 11 and 12 was not very strong at all, and beside the fact that they appeared to have been very familiar with Wing, there was nothing else against them.

No. 13 appeared to have tried to get rid of one of the notes and seemed to have failed. He was arrested on information given by some of those who were arrested earlier.

Coming to the facts of the case, Mr. Fitzroy said that the police became aware that certain notes were in existence and that attempts were made to utter them here.

Before proceeding further, the assistant Attorney General said that it was of the utmost importance that the actual people who gave the information to the police should not go before the public, if possible, because it was very difficult in the suppression of crime to get people to go to the police with information if their names were to go before the public. He suggested that the solicitors and the people concerned were the only people who should know anything about the people who gave the information.

To Replace Treasury Loss?

Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy said that in the middle of November, the police became aware of the forgeries and they instructed a Chinese detective, No. 630, to get into touch with people who were trying to put them on the market. The detective managed to get into touch with No. 1 defendant. They began to discuss how many notes could be procured, and No. 1 said he was prepared to produce the "modest quantity" of \$25,000.

Mr. Lindsell:—He was willing to replace the Treasury loss? (Laughter).

Mr. Fitzroy smilingly commented that unfortunately accused did not try to pass them on to Mr. Black or Mr. Messer. It was not so much patriotism on the part of the first defendant, after all, as he asked a small sumshaw for it. For every \$50 note produced he wanted \$25 in genuine money.

The conversation took place on November 14 and on the following day the detective gave No. 1 \$30 as a sign of good faith.

They then got into negotiations and the detective hinted that he would want about \$30,000 worth of notes.

Mr. Fitzroy mentioned that the \$30 "earnest" was passed to the defendant somewhere on the road.

Apparently, No. 7 defendant was shadowing both the men as they were negotiating and as the money was passed from the detective to No. 1, No. 7 crept up "taking care to see that No. 1 did not get away with anything."

The next day, the detective was taken to the third floor of No. 114 Des Voeux Road Central, where he has introduced to the man Chan Wing. The detective tried to arrange to carry on negotiations in another place, a shop. A good deal of discussion followed, Chan Wing and party having a good look at the shop. Apparently Chan Wing did not trust the shop, and the result was that business was continued at No. 114, Des Voeux Road Central.

Whenever the detective went to No. 114, Des Voeux Road Central,

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MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

"Tom Jones"—The Hongkong Musical Society—To-night's Musicale.

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

To-morrow the Philharmonic Society's production of "Tom Jones" commences at the Theatre Royal. Unfortunately for the performers, to whom a bumper house on the first night means everything, there are two counter-attractions which have affected the "Tom Jones" bookings, and I hope that there will be some who will "roll up" at the last moment to give the show a good start-off. A glance at the booking for the seven nights, which shows the first Saturday and the last two performances to be the most popular, reveals the same tendency on the part of the public that was noticeable in "Merrie England" last Winter, when the people then deferred their booking until there had been two or three performances, came in with a rush to obtain seats at the last four and were disappointed to find no more seats available. I am not prepared to say that the experience will be repeated in the case of "Tom Jones," but it might be, and members of the public who have not yet booked would do well to secure seats for Monday and Tuesday next without delaying too long.

"Tom Jones" is a comic opera of considerable length, and although parts of it have been cut by the producer, it is necessary to start the performances at 9 p.m. sharp, and to request the audience to refrain from demanding encores. It is up to the public to make efforts to be in their seats punctually, as nothing is more disconcerting during a song or a dialogue than the constant procession of late-comers who seem to find it difficult to get to the theatre even by 9.30. Peak residents, for instance, should remember that they cannot possibly find enough accommodation on the 8.45 car, and those that can manage it might make an effort to catch the 8.30 to relieve the congestion. It is probably a waste of time to put forward this suggestion, but it may catch the eye of one or two sympathetic souls who would hate to be interrupted themselves.

A short time ago notices were sent to all the people in the Colony who were believed to be music-lovers asking whether they would like to become members of the Hongkong Musical Society, a step which involved no financial contribution on their part but merely the sending-in of their names and addresses in order that advance personal notices of forthcoming first-class concerts might be sent to them, to help in securing good audiences for the artists who visit us. In addition to these intimations, which were made by post, a letter from the Secretary appeared in all the local papers, asking for the names of those interested and for the names of any musical friends of intending members, so that in this way all the music-lovers in the Colony might be reached.

A few facts concerning the progress of the Society might be of interest. Originally, notices were sent to 80 addresses, at which at least one and in many cases two

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On the application of Mr. Grist, the case was adjourned till Monday, bail being allowed in the sum \$1,500 each.

TEN-MONTHS-OLD MURDER.

TWO YOUNG CHINESE IN THE DOCK TO-DAY.

TELL-TALE JEWELLERY

A murder which occurred in the early part of this year had its sequel at the Central Police Court this morning, when, before Mr. E. L. Lindsell, Leong Fung and Kam Lau-kwai, both 19 years of age and employed as blacksmiths, living at 29, Wing Fung Street, were charged with the murder of Fung Man-chu.

The affair to which the present case relates, received considerable attention from the Chinese press at the time. Briefly, the facts are that a Chinese youth, son of the manager of a well-known local perfumery, was fatally stabbed while in the company of an attractive-looking girl in a lonely part of Kennedy Road on the evening of February 22.

At the subsequent Coroner's enquiry, it was stated that the girl was married to a man in Singapore, but that before her marriage she was on intimate terms of friendship with the deceased. The jury returned a verdict of "Wilful Murder" against person or persons unknown.

The circumstances which led to the arrest of the two young men now charged with being the perpetrators of the murder, were briefly indicated by a police official this morning in reply to a query from the Magistrate.

His Worship asked how it came about that the arrests were made after the lapse of so many months, and Inspector Lane, who is in charge of the case, said it was partly due to information and partly due to the recovery of certain pieces of jewellery in a pawnshop, including one which was supposed to be stolen in the robbery that accompanied the murder.

The lady concerned in the case, continued the Inspector, was now in Singapore and a cable had been sent to her requesting her presence for these proceedings.

Asked by His Worship if he would be able to identify either of the accused, Inspector Lane said that in her statement there was a vague description of the men which might be useful.

A week's formal remand was given.

OPIUM ARRESTS.

TWO MEN REMANDED ON HEAVY BAIL.

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FINE TO CLOUDY.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone remains general over S.E. Mongolia. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.



Playwright: What, you're going to throw out my burning of Rome scene?

Producer: No, no, merely change it to South Sea Island stuff, the costumes are much cheaper.

LOAN ASSOCIATION DISPUTE.

QUESTION OF TRANSFER OF SHARE RAISED.

JUDGE'S QUERIES.

An important case affecting Money Loan Associations, in which the issue to be decided is whether a member can transfer his share without the consent of the rest of the members, was resumed in the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Jackie, after being adjourned from the early part of last month.

The plaintiff is Fan Ngai-nam, No. 143, Connaught Road West, with whom seven co-members are joined as plaintiffs. The defendants are the Asia Cafe, formerly the Seek Yuen Cafe, and Kwan Yung-fong, the managing partner, Nos. 251 and 253, Des Voeux Road Central; and the Tung Yuen Chi Thien Cafe, 368, Queen's Road Central. Plaintiffs are claiming the sum of \$800 being eight monthly subscriptions due to the Association.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ is appearing for the plaintiffs and Mr. F. X. D'Almada is for the second defendant.

According to the plaintiffs, the defendants made the highest bid and obtained the use of the money but failed to pay back monthly instalments as they should have done.

The defence is that the defendant's share was transferred to another firm which had gone bankrupt, the transfer being effected with the consent of the head of the Association.

No Transfers.

The manager of the Tai Yu Tea House, No. 302 Shanghai St., Mongkok, giving evidence this morning, stated that he had been a member of many such Associations but had never heard of anybody transferring their liabilities.

Witness further said that such a transfer could not be put through because the members would not trust the transferees. The members knew and trusted each other. He had never heard of any transfer in the present case.

Asked by His Worship if he would be able to identify either of the accused, Inspector Lane said that in her statement there was a vague description of the men which might be useful.

Asked by His Worship what would happen if a member wanted to get out of an Association for good, either for business reasons or because he was going away.

Witness replied that as he had never heard of such a case, he could not say. The only thing such a member could do would be to bid the highest rate of interest for a loan, obtain the loan in that way and deduct from it such instalments as were required and pay it back to the head. Such a member could bring in another man to take his place, but the members would not be satisfied if the head of the Association allowed that by himself, without the consent of the members.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that he had no case to answer, but his Lordship expressed himself as being of the opposite opinion, with the result that the defendant was called to give evidence.

The defendant stated that he had had one share in the Association, of which the first contribution was paid by the Seek Yuen Cafe, but the share was then transferred to the Mo Yee. Fan Ngai-nam himself suggested the transfer, saying that the Mo Yee was in need of money. Witness further said that Fan was a shareholder of the Mo Yee as was also witness himself.

Judgment was reserved.

LORD BIRKENHEAD.

TWO MORE DIRECTORSHIPS ACCEPTED.

It is announced that the Earl of Birkenhead has joined the board of the Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company.

This company, which is one of the leading mining financial companies, and is interested in gold and platinum mines in South Africa, has an authorized capital of £4,500,000, of which there is issued £3,500,000 in £1 Ordinary Shares. The company has paid 16 per cent. free of income tax, on this capital for the past five years. The permanent chairman of the company is Mr. S. B. Joel.

It is also intimated that Lord Birkenhead is shortly to join the board of Tute and Lyle, Ltd., the sugar refiners.

Wm.

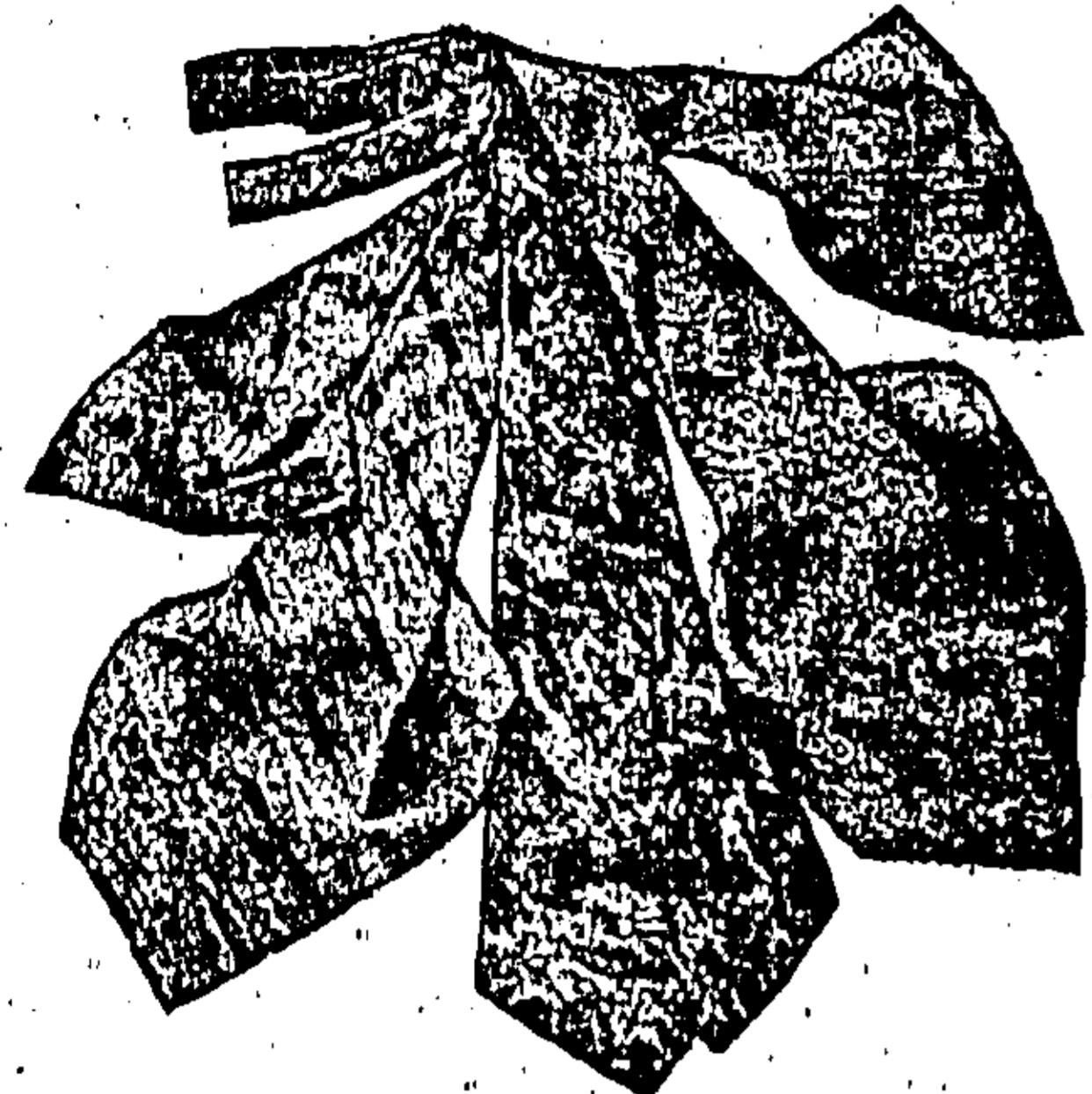
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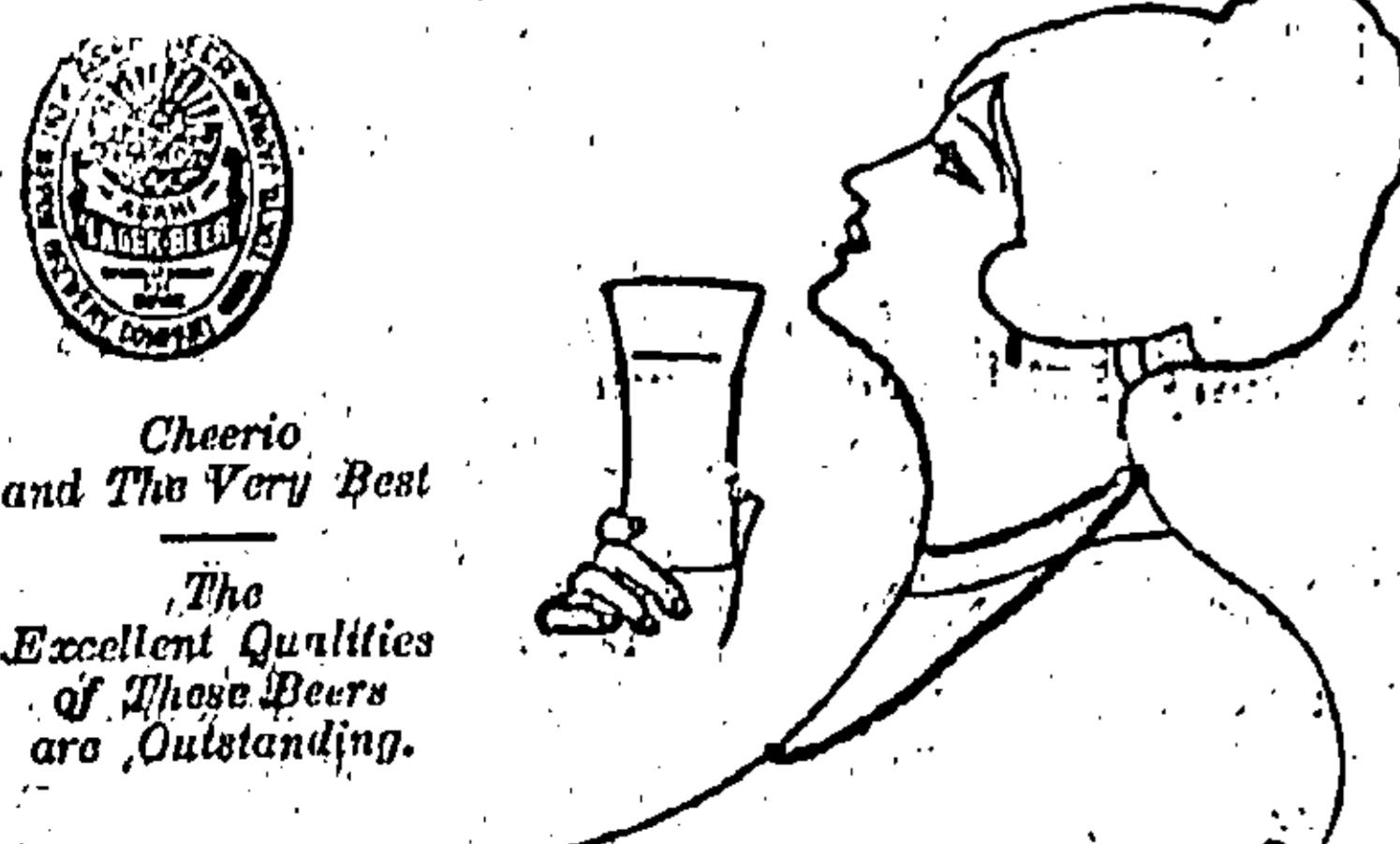
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CANTON TENNIS LEAGUE.

FINAL PLACINGS OF TEAMS

The following are the final results of the Canton Tennis League:

	P. W.	L.	Pts.
Lingnam C.	13	6	59
Canton Dragons	13	7	57
Japanese A.	13	6	54
Japanese B.	13	4	41
Shameen A.	13	4	41
Mr. G. W. Green's Team	12	30	30
Canton Tigers	10	29	26
Lingnam A.	12	28	25
Returned Students	13	26	26
Tungshan Garden Club	12	20	20
Lingnam B.	11	19	33
Shameen B.	18	17	48
Shameen C.	13	15	50
Shameen D.	18	4	61

It will be noticed that four of the teams have not yet fulfilled their engagements; however, even if these should be played off at a later date, they will not affect the first five places.

The matches commenced on the 16th September and each team has met every other team once, playing each time three singles and two doubles.

Right up to the very last the first place was in doubt and it was only on the last day of the fixtures, on Saturday, that the Lingnam C. definitely gained first place, very closely followed by the Canton Dragons and the Japanese A.

As an example of the closeness of the results it is curious to note that the Canton Dragons beat the Japanese A. and lost to the Lingnam C. whereas the Japanese A. beat the Lingnam C. after being defeated by the Canton Dragons.

On Saturday next, the 15th, the winning team, the Lingnam C. will be "At Home" to all the other teams and their friends on the courts of the Canton Citizen's Athletic Association in the First Public Park, and exhibition matches will be played between the Lingnam C. and The Rest, after which the beautiful cup given by the British-American Tobacco Company (China), Limited, will be presented to the Lingnam C. by Madame Li Chai-sum and small medals will be presented to each individual member of the team.

The Sweep.

The lucky winners in the sweep organised by the Shameen-Lawn Tennis Club were:

1st Prize, \$900.—Drawn by Sui Kit and C. A. Larsen, 888.
2nd Prize, \$300.—Drawn by S. P. Fui, 886.
3rd Prize, \$150.—Drawn by Hung Wong, 1998.
\$150 divided between Gundossi and Co., 1011; M. A. Chen, 1882; G. C. Kitching, 1780; C. T. Underhill, 1635; T. M. Knott, 1209; G. C. Kitching, 1714; W. F. Gilman, 357; R. K. Rodger, 1513; A. J. Evans, 1890; L. Uydens, 1824; Ah Chow, 1116.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

R.A.S. GOOD WIN OVER K.O.S.B.

At Sookumpoo yesterday afternoon, the Royal Artillery provided a surprise when they defeated the K.O.S.B. in the First Division of the League by one goal to nil.

There was no score at half-time, although the Borderers had many opportunities in the first half. In the second, there was a keen tussle, and eventually Hill scored a fine goal after a pass from Leach, who figured prominently throughout the game. Mr. F. Smith was the referee, and amongst the spectators was H.H. Major General Lauder.

Mid-Week League.

In this League, three games were played. Lam Long Wan defeated the Police by one to nil, whilst China Athletic beat South China by two to nil, and Two Chinese overcame Hung Kui School by three to one.

The League table is now as follows:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Athletic	9	7	1	1	15
S. China	8	5	1	2	11
Lam Long Wan	9	4	2	3	10
P.W.D. United	9	3	3	3	9
Ewo. Chinese	9	3	2	4	8
Police	10	3	1	6	7
Hung Kui School	8	1	0	7	2

Kowloon Teams.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 1st XI v. Police on Kowloon Football Club ground on Saturday, kick-off at 4 p.m.:—Angus; Guest; File; Hedley; McElroy; Easterbrook; Cleary; Sperry; Miles; Hayes and Baldwin. Reserve:—King.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI v. Small Units on Chatham Road ground on Saturday, kick-off at 2.30 p.m.:—Angus; Nicholls; Hest; White; Davies; Blacklock; Hannan; Davies; Moss; Morgan and Sutherland. Reserves:—Seddon and Waddington.

OPERATION ON KING.

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drizzling rain to the City, where thousands had assembled. They raised their hats and hands in a spontaneous gesture of sympathy far more impressive than cheering.

Wireless Broadcast.

A short service was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Queen performed the actual unveiling, saying "To the Glory of God and in honour of these brave men, I unveil this Memorial on behalf of those for whom they died."

The signal "We will not forget" was hoisted at the flagstaff. The ceremony was broadcast and the Queen's voice was heard on the wireless for the first time in the history of broadcasting.

Thanks of the Princes.

The British representatives at Paris, Rome and Berne have been instructed to convey to the Governments to which they are accredited, an expression of the Prince of Wales' warm appreciation of the invaluable assistance afforded by them to His Royal Highness in expediting his journey through France, Italy and Switzerland, and of the admirable organisation of the arrangements made for his convenience, safety and comfort.

The Prince has also expressed the desire that his sincere thanks should be conveyed to the railway staff and officials who were instrumental in carrying out these arrangements.

An expression has also been added of the warmest thanks of the British Government for the assistance so freely and readily given.

Prince George.

It was officially announced today that Prince George, the King's youngest son, who is in the Navy, is coming home. He left Bermuda in the Cunard liner, the *Berengaria*, which sails for England on Friday. The *Berengaria* is due at Southampton on December 20th, which is Prince George's birthday. He will be twenty-six.

The Duke of Gloucester, the third son of King and Queen, who is on his way home from South Africa, is expected to reach London on Christmas Eve.—*Reuters and British Wireless.*

LOCAL BANKNOTE FORGERIES.

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he found Nos. 10, 11 and 12 there, as well as the sixth sum, Chan Wing's wife.

After a discussion, the detective agreed, said Mr. Fitzroy, to buy \$4,000 worth from Chan Wing for \$2,000. This did not come through, as Chan Wing on that occasion was informed that the police were watching the house and in fact there were two European policemen on the road. Mr. Fitzroy added that the information was correct and Chan Wing and the detective agreed to move off.

The role which the detective was playing was that of a buyer who could find a ready market for the notes in Amoy, Foochow and Annan.

After this, the police apparently got anxious, so they raided No. 19, Queen's Road East. The latter address came to the notice of the police through their shadowing of No. 1 defendant. After the detective had interviewed No. 1, the latter's movements were shadowed by another detective who eventually established that he lived at 19, Queen's Road East. No. 1 had been seen, by detectives who were shadowing him, to have waited on one occasion, for about half an hour, on the Yaumati Ferry Wharf, at the end of which time he was met by Nos. 3 and 4 and, after a short "confab," they had parted. This seemed to point to the theory that the notes were procured from a source outside the Colony.

During the raid, the first five defendants were arrested. The revolver, printing paraphernalia and other seizures were made. There were 13 plates on which were engravings resembling the design of the \$10 notes of the Central Bank of China.

Hurried Escape.

The police next went to No. 114, Des Voeux Road, where they found Nos. 8 and 9, but they did not get Chan Wing. The police were taken to a house in Lamont Lane where Chan Wing was supposed to live. They found his wife there, but Chan Wing managed to give them the slip and appeared to have left in a hurry. A coat of Chan Wing's hanging on a peg was still warm!

The sixth and seventh defendants, as mentioned previously, showed the police where the alleged forged notes were hidden. Previous to that, the police had only seized one forged note, which was found on the eighth defendant, the man whom Mr. D'Alamda represented.

Then, why (he asked), should I murder my wife for money or jewellery when on her death it went from me?"

The case is proceeding as we go to press.

PROPOSED CHINESE FLIGHTS.

POSSIBLE TRIP TO GREAT BRITAIN.

ALSO TO HONOLULU.

As a result of the keen interest which is now being evinced by Chinese in aviation, the *North-China Daily News* learns from very reliable sources that three important flights are contemplated, two of which will be accomplished Chinese aviators and the other by the young scion of a wealthy Chinese family who has never yet been in the air.

The first of these, which is expected to bear fruit in the very near future, is a proposed flight by a Cantonese aviator who contemplates flying from China to Great Britain. It is not known when he will leave or what course he proposes to follow, but it has been whispered that one of the men who took part in the Spirit of Canton flight around China will be a member of his party.

The second is a contemplated flight from Canton to Honolulu, via the Philippine Islands and Samoa. No details of this are available.

The third is the one proposed by the young man who has not yet had any flying experience. This man is thinking of flying to and around Australia. His flight, roughly, will be from Shanghai to Canton, then to the Philippine Islands, from thence to Timor, and then on to Port Darwin. From there he proposes to follow the coast until his circular trip around Australia is completed. Should his flight be a success, he proposes, if possible, to fly to New Zealand and then to Honolulu.

CHINESE BRIDE MURDER.

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was very unusual, and it was necessary for the Court to ascertain whether or not the appellant was represented by learned counsel.

Mr. Jackson then left the Bar, and, accompanied by Miao, passed to a private room.

When Mr. Jackson returned to Court he said that Miao was obsessed with the feeling that it was of paramount importance to him that he should make his own appeal. As a result he (Mr. Jackson) could only say that he was now no longer instructed in the appeal.

Miao then went into the first room of the jury box. He asked permission to call new witnesses, who on June 19 were within half a mile of the spot where the body of his wife was found. This was granted.

Mr. David Todd, of Fleetwood, stated that on June 19, while at Boulderton, he saw a foreign-looking man hurrying away from there. The man had no hat. The time was about 4.30 p.m.

Mrs. Alice Carter Bell, of Golders Green, said that she saw two Orientals in the vicinity of Boulderton on June 19 between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m.

Lengthy Address.

Miao then addressed the Court for three hours and a half. He apologised for his ignorance of the procedure, saying that that was the first time he had been in England. He complained that he had had no chance of cross-examining or explaining. He had been arrested because his words had been misunderstood.

His wife, he said, had gone out alone to get some medicine as he was in bed with a cough. Two Orientals had followed himself and his wife from Glasgow. There was, he declared, no sign of a struggle where his wife's body was found, which indicated that it had been brought from one spot to another. Nor was his own face scratched nor clothes torn, which would have been the case had he committed the murder, for there would have been a struggle. Her pearl necklace and money were missing, and those were the things which the murderers were looking for.

Miao, commenting on the fact that reference had been made to his wife's property, said that it was a Chinese custom and law 5,000 years old that immediately a woman was married her property went to her husband and belonged to him while she lived. When, however, she died he had no further claim upon it.

"Then, why (he asked), should I murder my wife for money or jewellery when on her death it went from me?"

The case is proceeding as we go to press.

SOMERSET CRIME.

MAN KILLS GIRL AND THEN COMMITS SUICIDE.

London, Nov. 10. A mother's encounter on a staircase with an armed man, and her attempt to save the life of her young daughter, who was shot after dashing from her bedroom, as she attempted to escape from the house, were incidents of a tragedy which occurred early yesterday morning at the little Somerset village of Hembridge, about four miles from Shepton Mallet.

The distressing affair resulted in two deaths, for, after mortally wounding the girl, her assailant inflicted a fatal wound upon himself, about some hours later.

The public is suspicious of America being involved in a settlement by being induced to take the bonds which will be floated to settle reparations, and is afraid that an attempt would follow to reopen the debt settlements, as M. Pollock suggested.

It will be difficult to induce Congress to make any revision of the debt settlements, as the American sentiment is that foreign creditors have been very leniently dealt with, and there is no reason why they should expect any further concessions.

Mr. Coolidge opposes it, and Mr.

Hoover showed during the French debt negotiations that the United States had gone to the limit of concessions, and the only thing for France was to pay the money she owed. Both Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hoover have frequently referred to the sacrifices made by America, and declared yesterday that any further abatement of debts would be virtually imposing the debts upon the American people, who have already been heavily overtaxed for the costs of the war.

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BOMBS BEFORE DAWN.**STATUES DAMAGED IN DUBLIN.**

Dublin, Nov. 11. The equestrian statue of King William III, in College Green, Dublin, was rather extensively damaged by high explosives this morning.

Simultaneously an attempt was made to blow up the statue of King George II, in St. Stephen's Green, but here the damage was not great. The outrages occurred about 5 o'clock, before dawn, and the perpetrators in both cases made good their escape.

The College Green affair was a particularly daring one, as it occurred in the heart of the city close to the C.I.D. headquarters and almost within sight of the military guard at the Bank of Ireland.

The men engaged approached in a side street, and, scaling the low railings surrounding the statue, climbed the pedestal. They then placed a small land mine at the base of the statue itself, and hurriedly decamped.

It is believed that they made their escape in a motor-car which was in waiting in a side street. The mine was apparently fixed with time fuse.

Centre of City Shaken.

The first intimation that anything was amiss was the reverberating roar of the explosion, which shook the centre of the city. Police and detectives ran to the scene, and the military guard at the bank immediately turned out.

They found large portions of masonry dislodged from the pedestal and scattered over the thoroughfare, while a portion of the hind leg of King William's horse was blown to pieces. The main portion of the statue, though damaged, remained standing. The base had, however, been seriously weakened.

Business houses in the vicinity also suffered, many windows being blown in by the force of the explosion. In College Green post office, opposite the statue, every window on the ground floor was smashed, and the windows in the upper floors fared little better. Fortunately nobody was injured.

Scarcely had the echoes of the first explosion died away when there came another thunderous boom from the direction of St. Stephen's Green, where the King George II. statue in the public park had been the object of attack.

As in College Green, the explosion blew large pieces of masonry out of the pedestal, but here the statue itself escaped undamaged.

An attempt was also made to blow up a fountain in Herbert Park, Balsbridge, erected to commemorate the visit of King Edward VII. to open the International Exhibition. The damage was comparatively slight.

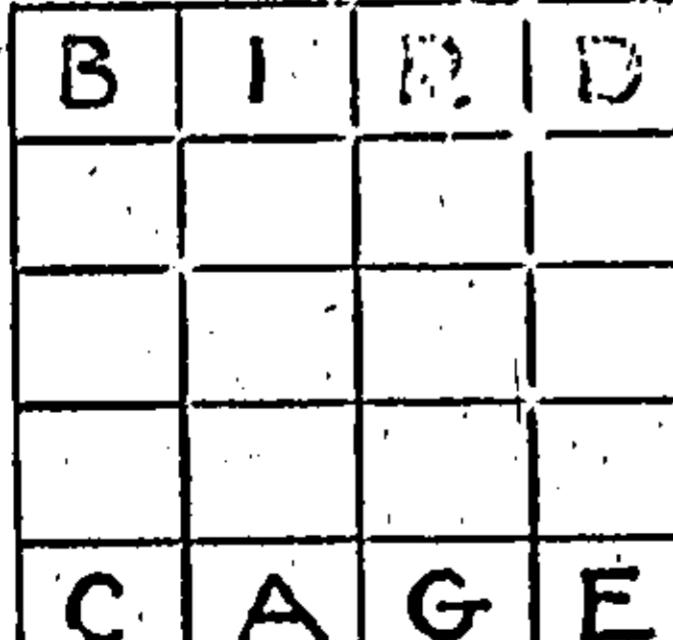
If the explosions were intended to intimidate those participating in the Armistice Day celebrations, they did not succeed in achieving their object, for in spite of heavy rain there was a big gathering of ex-Service men and their friends, who marched to Phoenix Park, where the Two Minutes Silence was observed with fitting solemnity at the temporary Cenotaph.

There was an impressive scene when the great concourse bared their heads, heedless of the rain, to pay their tributes of respect to the dead. Scores of beautiful wreaths were laid at the foot of the Cenotaph. Poppies were extensively worn, and the sellers did a brisk business.

After the ceremony the various contingents marched back to the city. A few scuffles occurred, but except for an incident in Abbey-street where one of a number of young men who attempted to seize a Union Jack from the processions was rather seriously injured and had to be taken to hospital there was no grave disturbance.

LETTER GOLF.

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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Hen, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.**MILITARY TEAMS IN OPPOSITION AT SOOKUMPOO.**

At Sookumboo yesterday, the R.A.S.C. defeated the R. E. and Signals by 19 runs in a friendly game of cricket. Taking first knock, the Engineers compiled 77 runs, of which Sgn. Durand contributed 28, while S. M. Burrage and Sgn. Warwick each made 10. Pte. Fry was the most successful wicket-keeper for the R.A.S.C., his 5 wickets costing only 19 runs.

The R.A.S.C. replied with 90, Major Langmaid being top scorer with 17 runs. Mr. "Extran" was the next highest scorer with 16, and the only other batsman to reach double figures was Q.M.S. Glenny. Sapper Waters took 3 wickets, giving away only 1 run, and the next most successful bowler was S. M. Osborne with 3 wickets for 10 runs.

The full scores follow:

R. E. and R. C. S.

Spr. Penny, bowled Simpson	0
Spr. Walters, bowled Fry	1
Cpl. Butler, c Crowcroft, b Fry	2
Q. M. S. Roberts, bowled Fry	0
Q. M. S. Lepard, c Williams, b Simpson	1
Sgn. Durand, c Williams, b Simpson	28
S. M. Osborne, bowled Fry	1
Sgn. Spedding, bowled Fry	0
S. M. Burrage, bowled Glenny	10
Sgn. Warwick, bowled Glenny	16
Sgn. Wood, not out	0
Extras	6

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pte. Simpson	13	2	43	3
Pte. Fry	8	2	10	5
Q. M. S. Glenny	4.2	2	9	2

R. A. S. C.

Capt. Williams, bowled Lepard	0
Maj. Langmaid, c Osborne, b Butler	17
Cpl. Crowcroft, c and b Durand	9
L/Cpl. Fennell, bowled Osborne	7
Q. M. S. Glenny, c and b Osborne	11
L/Cpl. McIntyre, c and b Osborne	4
Pte. Lyons, c Penny, b Walters	1
Pte. Fry, bowled Durand	3
Pte. Simpson, bowled Walters	1
Pte. Hawkins, c Penny, b Walters	2
Pte. Edwards, not out	0
Extras	16

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Q.M.S. Lepard	6	—	20	1
Sgn. Durand	9	1	20	2
Cpl. Butler	5	—	12	1
S. M. Osborne	5	1	15	3
Sgn. Walters	2	1	1	3
Q.M.S. Roberts	2	—	6	—

SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL.**ST. PAUL'S WIN IN THE FINAL REPLAY.**

The inter-school volleyball league concluded with the re-play between King's College and St. Paul's College, who had tied for first place in the second division. St. Paul's winning by a narrow margin. Ellis Kadoorie secured the honours in the "A" division and St. Paul's again in the "C" division.

The results were as follows:

Division "A."

	Played	Won	Lost
Ellis Kadoorie	10	10	0
Hon Chung	10	8	2
Wah Yan	10	6	4
Tutorial Inst.	10	3	7
St. Paul's	10	2	8
King's	10	1	9

Division "B."

	Played	Won	Lost
St. Paul's	13	12	1
King's	13	11	2
Queen's	12	7	5
Wah Yan	12	0	12
Wanted	12	4	8
Y.M.C.A. School	12	3	9
Tutorial Inst.	12	0	12

Division "C."

	Played	Won	Lost
St. Paul's	6	6	0
King's	6	3	3
Queen's	6	2	4
Ellis Kadoorie	6	1	5

SNOOKER CONTEST.**A. J. OSMUND WINS LAST NIGHT'S EVENT.**

A large crowd watched the semi-final match between A. J. Osmund and P. Jones at the Palacio Hotel last night, in the snooker championship. It was a fine game, with some wonderful play by Osmund, who ran out the winner in five frames, with 298 (69, 46, 63, 71 and 59) to Jones' 210 (41, 46, 46, 32 and 25). Osmund had the highest break to date—31. The highest hitherto, by three other contestants, was 22.

To-morrow, at 9 p.m., the remaining semi-final, between F. E. Silva and H. da Luz, will be played.

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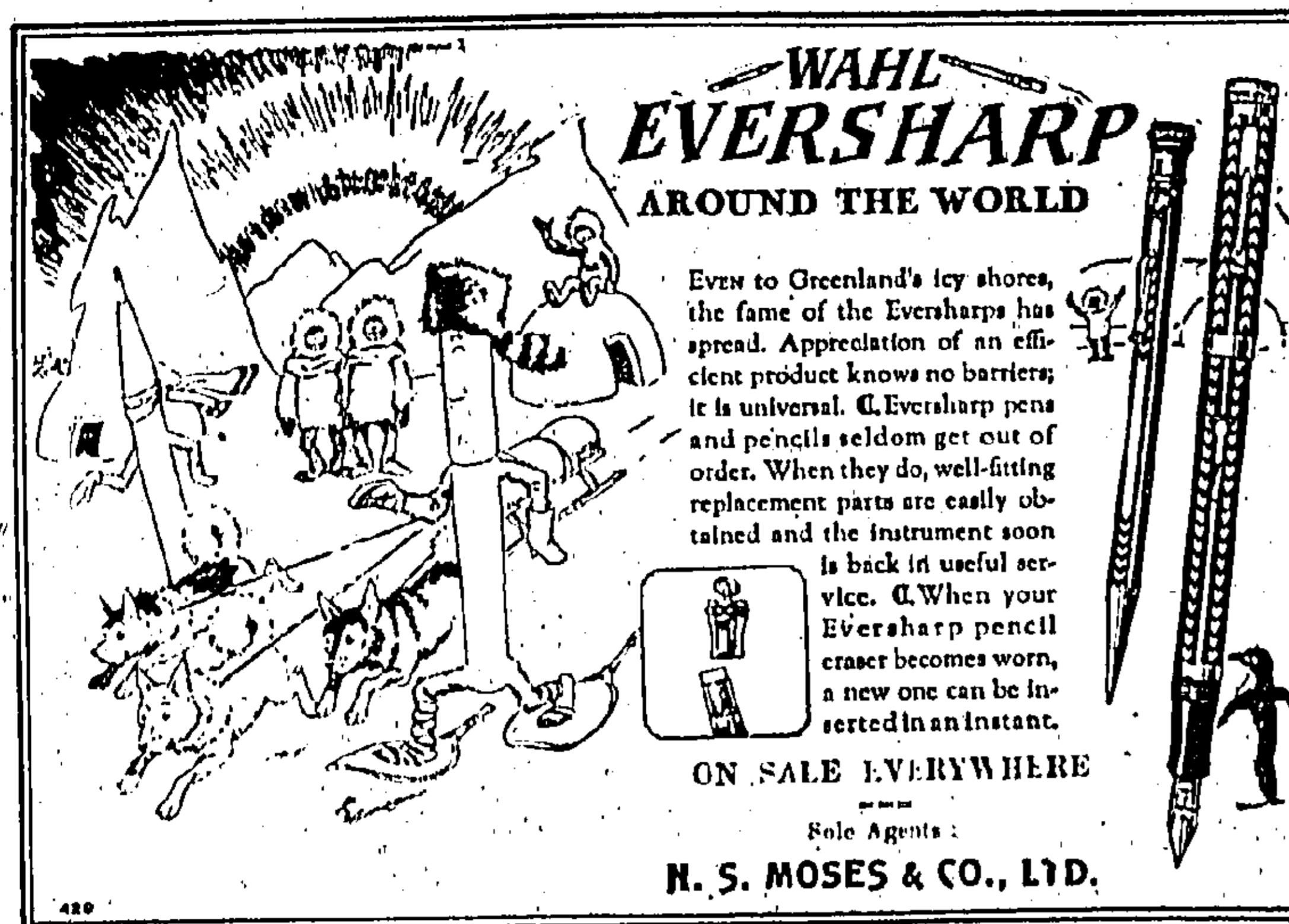
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BLAZE AT LONDON BARRACKS.

London, Nov. 8.
About 250 men of the Scots Guards fought a fire which broke out yesterday afternoon in the basement of the forage stores at Knightsbridge Barracks and destroyed large quantities of hay and straw.

The basement runs the whole length of the barracks. The early and vigorous steps taken by the troops, to quell the outbreak, prevented more serious damage being done.

Members of the Quartermaster's staff, on going to the stores about 2.30 p.m., saw clouds of smoke issuing from below. While some ran for sand and water buckets, a bugler sounded the fire alarm. As the fire call rang out the barracks sprang into activity. The picket on duty fell in with fixed bayonets. The Guard turned out, troops not on duty paraded as for fire drill, grooms rushed to the horses, and women and children in the married quarters began to leave.

A call was sent to the fire brigade. Meanwhile the duty picket had run out the fire hoses and began to pour water into the basement. Many of the troops went on parade in mufti, having dressed for "walking out." All walking-out leave was cancelled until the fire had been subdued.

With the arrival of the fire engines, the work of fighting the flames was taken in charge by the fire brigade officers, while numbers of Guardsmen were told off to assist. About a dozen fire engines pumped water into the blazing forage for nearly an hour before it was possible for firemen to enter the basement. Squads of soldiers were formed up at the trap-doors and hauled up the smouldering bales of hay and sacks of oats passed up by the firemen.

Firemen's Difficulties.

The smoke made work in the basement trying, and the firemen had constantly to be relieved. Fortunately the roof of the basement is of concrete, which fact prevented the flames from bursting through to the floors above. Large quantities of valuable equipment were, however, removed by soldiers as a precautionary measure.

The fire was extinguished within an hour. The flames at one time came through the basement windows, and could be seen from Knightsbridge-road. All traffic was diverted via Brompton-road.

Over 100 bales of hay and straw were ruined by fire or water, together with about two dozen bags of oats.

G.B.S. ON AMATEUR ACTRESSES.

TRYING TO IMITATE MISS GLADYS COOPER.

London, Nov. 8.
Into a discussion as to whether dramatic societies should pay a fixed fee or be charged on a sliding scale for the performance of plays, Mr. George Bernard Shaw has intervened in characteristic fashion.

A strong movement is on foot to extend professional terms—which range from 2½ per cent, to 10 per cent. of the gross takings—to amateurs. Mr. Shaw, in a letter to the "Amateur Stage," says:

My terms to amateurs are the standard terms which have been established for a century: five guineas for full length play.

The mistake has arisen through the loose habit of assuming that every performance which is outside the routine of the London theatres and the provincial circuits is an amateur one.

Bodies of players have sprung up with just as much right to professional terms as the company at Drury Lane.

Unprofessional performances are in a distinct class. Ladies and gentlemen amuse themselves by trying to do what they have seen Miss Gladys Cooper and Sir Gerald du Maurier do. They get up dramatic performances and give the profits, if any, to some charity to excuse a weakness of which they are slightly ashamed.

"A proposal to treat them as professionals would wound them deeply," adds Mr. Shaw. "To them all considerate authors say, 'Five guineas, please.'

LEAGUE CRICKET.

INDIAN R. C. 2ND XI v. R.A.S.C.

The following have been selected to represent the I.R.C. in the above match on Saturday, on I.R.C. ground at 2 p.m. sharp.—Sirdar Khan (Captain), M. P. Madar, A. S. Sufiadi, N. B. Kitchell, A. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Sufiadi, J. M. A. Rumjahn, F. M. el Arculli, D. Mohamed, A. Butt, R. Nazarin. Reserve: M. R. Abbas.

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ALLEGED PLOT.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROPOSAL.

FEARS FOR THE SAFETY OF MR. HOOVER.

A meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce is to be held on Friday, for the purpose of taking preliminary steps towards obtaining incorporation under Hongkong Companies Ordinances.

In this connexion the Secretary of the Chamber has sent a circular to all members calling attention to the fact that many Chambers of Commerce are incorporated under Company Law, the object being to limit the liability of members with regard to any claim that may be made against the Chamber. Members of an unincorporated Society are liable to an unlimited extent: a creditor can take action against any member he thinks most likely to be able to pay him.

Legal advice has been obtained and it has been strongly recommended to take measures for the incorporation of the Chamber under the Companies Ordinances 1911-1926. The preliminary steps have accordingly been taken and a Draft Memorandum and Articles of Association prepared under legal advice. A copy is available for inspection at the office of the Chamber. The Committee has been in communication with the leading incorporated Chambers of Commerce in England, including London, Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham, and all that is considered best has been taken from their Memoranda and Articles of Association and incorporated in those suggested for adoption by this Chamber.

The next steps are simple. It will be necessary to hold a meeting formally winding up the present Association and appointing Liquidators for that purpose. At the same meeting a resolution will be proposed that a Company be

formed, limited, by guarantee,

named "The Hongkong General

Chamber of Commerce" and registered under the Hongkong Companies Ordinances. It will be arranged that the new organisation comes into being on the first day of January, 1929. To simplify matters, one of the Articles of Association to be adopted reads:

"All persons and firms who im-

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the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce are from the date

hereof members of the Chamber under these Articles."

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ELECTRIC MOTOR.

THEFT OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER PROPERTY.

An electric motor, belonging to the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., was produced at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when two Chinese women were charged with larceny alternatively with receiving the article which had been installed at No. 149, Nam Chong Street, Shamshui po.

Mr. Hui-shing Lo appeared for the two defendants and pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Sergeant Britain informed the Magistrate that the motor had been hired from the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., by the Mi Sang shop of No. 149, Nam Chong Street. On November 1, the firm went bankrupt and the master and sons of the shop absconded, leaving a debt due to one of the defendants' husband to the amount of \$187.50.

The two defendants later took the motor from the shop and left it at their house at No. 135, Nam Chong Street for a short time, afterwards taking it to Gap Shek Mei where they buried it.

When the loss was reported inquiries were made and Sub-Inspector Hoare visited No. 135, Nam Chong Street and later recovered the motor at Gap Shek Mei.

Mr. A. C. Tinson proved that the motor belonged to the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., informing his Worship that it had been hired in March, 1928. On November 30, witness visited No. 149, Nam Chong Street and found the occupants had gone. The following day when the workman from the Company went to remove the motor, it was found to have already been taken away.

Evidence was given by a son of the husband of one of the defendants, to the effect that the motor was seen in the defendants' possession.

The case was adjourned till Saturday.

SOUTH AMERICAN FRICTION.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

Washington, Dec. 12.

The Bolivian delegation has withdrawn from the special committee of the Pan-American Congress seeking to conciliate Paraguay and Bolivia on the ground that Paraguay has not yet made suitable reparation for the alleged invasion of Bolivian territory. The Bolivian Legation announces that the Government has "taken precautionary measures which are indispensable in view of the existing situation but have not mobilized the reserves."—Reuter's American Service.

CHINA AND BRITAIN.

AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS.

Nanking, Dec. 12.

It is reported by reliable

Buenos Aires, Dec. 12. The police announced the discovery of a plot against Mr. Hoover, details of which have not, up to the present, been disclosed.

Later. The authorities have unearthed what is believed to be a plot against the life of Mr. Hoover.

The police, who during the past few days have been rounding up persons believed to be hostile to the United States, raided a house in which they discovered a number of bombs, pistols and a quantity of ammunition, also a map of the railway system. Two men were arrested.

The police are of opinion that plotters intended to place bombs on the railway line before the arrival of Mr. Hoover on Thursday.

Reuter's American Service:

Peking, Dec. 12. The extension of the Taonan-
Angang railway to Taitshui has been completed and it is to be opened to traffic to-day.—Reuter.

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HARBOURING CHARGE.

WOMAN WHO JUMPED INTO WATER IN COURT.

A Chinese woman who attempted to escape from custody by jumping into the harbour while the launch was on its way to Hongkong was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with receiving a quantity of jewellery which had been stolen by a small girl and with harbouring the girl without the consent of her parents or guardians.

The girl, who was living with her grandmother at No. 161, Reclamation Street, first floor, disappeared on December 1 and at the same time several articles of jewellery were missed. A report was made to the Police and later the girl was found living with the defendant, who had rented a cubicle for her at No. 882, Shanghai Street. In the defendant's possession were found some of the jewellery.

During the hearing of the evidence, the defendant asked permission to be provided with a seat as she was not feeling well.

His Worship: She jumped into the harbour or something didn't she?

Sergeant Mottram: Yes, your Worship.

The defendant was allowed to sit down during the hearing.

After hearing the evidence his Worship convicted the defendant and passed sentence of six months' imprisonment.

The girl, who pleaded guilty, at a previous hearing to a charge of larceny of the jewellery, was remanded by his Worship.

Another Case.

In his judgment in the case in which an elderly woman was charged with harbouring a married girl, whom she had brought from Kowloon to find work, Mr. Hamilton registered a conviction and passed sentence of four months' hard labour.

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THE SHASI AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

GOES ON ROCKS UP
YANGTSE.

MAY REMAIN AGROUND UNTIL
THE SPRING.

NAVAL GUARD ABOARD

Shanghai, Dec. 8. The China Navigation str. Shashi is on the rocks at a point about one mile below Spilt Hill, which is situated below Hankow, and is in a very serious predicament.

A British man-of-war and the C. N. S. Wenchow are standing by the Shashi which apparently struck the rocks during the night of Monday. Reports are to the effect that she is badly holed and that her forepeak is flooded.

The British Naval Commander wirelessed to the effect the vessel will require salvage operations beyond gunboat capacity. Salvage tugs accordingly have been sent from Hankow and the work of salvage is now proceeding.

Passengers Taken Off.

In view of the exceedingly strong current and the general conditions the work is extremely hazardous and it is not known at present whether it will be possible to refloat the vessel or not. All passengers have been taken off on to the str. Wenchow and will proceed to Hankow in that steamer. Those booked for Ichang are Messrs. F. Lloyd and R. Mac Farlane, Misses Pirie, Scott and Vimont. Mr. C. W. Knott is passenger for Hankow.

The str. Wenchow has placed six of her armed naval guards on board the vessel and six more guards are proceeding up river from Kiukiang—three to be placed in the Slangtan (also aground) and three in the Shashi. Due to this disposition of guards, other vessels proceeding up river will not be fully provided with guards.

The Shashi left Shanghai at day-light on Friday last on a voyage to Ichang via Hankow and other river ports and, it will be remembered, it was this vessel which was pirated a few weeks ago soon after leaving Hankow. The pirates subsequently were captured and tried.

Salvage Difficulties.

Latest reports are that the Shashi will in all probability spend the winter on a ledge of rocks situated at a point about one mile below Spilt Hill in the Yantsze below Hankow. The water in the river is falling and this naturally increased the difficulties of those engaged in the work of salvage but as soon as it was realized that the vessel was firmly encircled on a ledge of rock in a more or less comfortable position, it was agreed that the far better plan would be to shore her up, effect temporary repairs to her forepeak and leave the ship until the river rises.

As arrangements now are, she will remain in the position she now is until about next March when the high water will float her and the temporary repairs effected will enable her to proceed down river to dry dock.

Skeleton Crew.

As ever, sampan men, etc. but in reality nothing but pirates, flocked towards the vessel when her distress was noted. A British man-of-war was, however, in the vicinity together with the C. N. S. Wenchow with armed naval guards on board. These latter, together with others sent up from Nanking, are now on the Shashi and the company is not at all anxious as to the fate of the vessel. A skeleton crew has been provided and she will be visited from time to time with supplies and the guards will be relieved and replaced as necessary.

Should extraordinary high water make it evident within the next day or two, it is possible that a further attempt will be made to dislodge the vessel but such a possibility is remote.

WITHOUT AUTHORITY.

FINES FOR BUILDING IN
YARD.

For failing to comply with a magistrate's order requiring him to dismantle an illegal structure in the yard of No. 288, Shanghai Street, the owner was fined \$100 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The tenant who built the structure was fined \$50. Orders were made in both cases for the erection to be removed within fourteen days.

ANOTHER OXFORD WIN.

London, Dec. 12. At Stamford Bridge, Cambridge defeated Oxford in the annual "soccer" match by three goals to two.—Reuter.

MR. TOKONAMI IN NANKING.

A TWO-HOUR PARLEY WITH
CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

PROBLEMS TOUCHED.

Nanking, Dec. 12. Mr. Tokonami, the Japanese political leader, was interviewed by Mr. Tan Yen-kai, Chairman of the Nanking Administrative Council this morning. The result of the meeting is stated to be satisfactory.

Shortly before noon, the Japanese leader visited the Nanking Municipal Government and the Mayor, Mr. Liu Chi-wen, personally escorted him around the various departments of his office.

Mr. Tokonami conferred with the President of the State Council, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. The pourparlers, which dealt with various Sino-Japanese problems, lasted for two hours. Details of the meeting have been kept secret at present.

It is said that Marshal Chiang gave a very courteous reception to the Japanese guest, who before departure from Chiang's residence intimated his intention of paying respects at the tomb of the fallen Chinese soldiers and citizens and the former Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Tsinanfu, who perished during the May incident. Mr. Tokonami's sojourn in Tsinanfu will be very brief, for he intends visiting Shanghai a second time before going back to Japan.

Mr. Tokonami and his party have been invited to attend a banquet to be given in their honour by Messrs. Tai Chi-tno and Wu Han-min, and he also intends to confer with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang to-morrow.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN THE CITY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Telegraph representative left the scene at 10.30 this morning.

Banknotes Charged.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The ground floor of No. 20 where it originated, was occupied as a joss-stick and paper shop, containing much material of a nature which to some degree has explained the fierceness and rapidity of the spread.

An interesting find was a small safe which was so scorched by the flames and heat that banknotes of an allegedly big amount, which it is supposed to contain, are said to have been reduced to charred paper.

Some idea of the intensity of the heat engendered was to be gained from the evidence furnished by a twisted mass of iron which is all that remains of an iron bed.

Four More Bodies.

Fire Brigade Headquarters at 1.30 this afternoon report the recovery, from the ruins of house No. 20, of four other bodies, in addition to the one recovered earlier. The list of casualties up to that hour therefore comprises one man, two women and two children killed, an one man seriously injured.

The fact that all the bodies were recovered from the one house in which the outbreak originated illustrates the suddenness with which the blaze started. The man and the two women who were killed were living in an upper floor. The position in which the bodies of the two children were found indicated that they took refuge in the kitchen at the rear of the premises and were trapped.

REFUSE DUMP TO
GARDEN CITY.

VIENNA HOUSING PROBLEM

London, Dec. 12. The Board of Trade returns for November show that imports were valued at £106,855,875 compared with £107,483,713 in the corresponding month of 1927.

Exports were £53,766,502 compared with £70,609,651.

For the first eleven months of this year, the imports totalled £1,095,000,000, this being a decrease of £18,500,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The exports for the eleven months totalled £63,000,000, being an increase of £12,750,000.

The decrease in November, exports is largely accounted for by a reduction in the exports of cotton and woolen goods amounting to £3,500,000.

There was also a decrease in the exports of vehicles, including locomotives, ships and aircraft, to an extent of £676,000.

The increase of exports for the eleven months period is, however, a gratifying feature.

British Wireless.

An open verdict was returned at the inquest on Dora Mary Smith,

24, of Epsom, who was found dead on the Cheam-road, with injuries apparently the result of being struck by a car.

LUCK OF SCOTTISH CUP DRAW.

STRANGE FEATURE OF FIRST ROUND.

STRONG TEAMS COME FIRST OUT OF HAT.

HEARTS MEET AIRDRIE.

London, Dec. 12. The draw for the First Round of the Scottish Cup Competition was made to-day, resulting as follows:

Queen of South v. Inverness Caledonians.

Civil Service S. v. Fraserburg.

Borwick Rang. v. Ayr United.

Nithsdale Wand. v. St. Mirren.

Celtic. v. Arthurlie.

East Fife. v. Partick T.

St. Andrews Univ. v. Bathgate.

Albion Rovers v. Galston.

Hearts v. Airdrieonians.

Thornhill v. Murrayfield Am.

Third Lanark v. Clydebank.

Motherwell v. Leith Ath.

Buckle This. v. Queen's Park.

Kilmarnock v. Glasgow Univ.

Dundee Un. v. Morton.

Dumbarton v. Inverness Citadel.

Dunfermline v. Cowdenbeath.

St. Bernard's v. Falkirk.

Armadale v. Moor Park.

Bo'ness v. Newton Stewart.

Rangers v. Edinburgh City.

Alloa v. East Stirlings.

Dundee v. King's Park.

Hamilton v. Forfar.

Hibernians v. St. Johnstone.

Dundee-Birnam v. Clackmannan.

Irishmen v. Brechin City.

Arbroath v. Inverness Thistle.

Beth. v. Rutherglen Rovers.

Huntly v. Stenhousemuir.

Aberdeen v. Solway Star.

Clyde v. Montrose.

Matches to be played on January 19th.—Reuter.

The Strongest Teams.

The draw is somewhat remarkable in that it might almost have been arranged to make things as easy as possible for the leading Scottish clubs, Rangers, Hearts, Motherwell, Aberdeen, Kilmarnock, Celtic, Hibernians, and St. Mirren, the first eight in the Scottish League table, are all at home with the exception of the last named, who are presented with the task of defeating Nithsdale Wanderers away.

Eleven of the twenty clubs in the First Division are playing at home, while in only two instances do they meet teams of their own status.

English Cup Re-Play.

By defeating Scarborough at Darlington at two goals to one, Darlington to-day qualified to meet Bury in the Third Round of the F. A. Cup Competition. Bury are called upon to travel to Darlington for the match.

In the Northern Section of the Third Division, New Brighton to-day defeated Carlisle by the only goal of a keen game.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

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